

12/2023 Vestry Minutes December 19, 2023

(Cafe in-Person)

Amma Eliza Linley (Interim) Anne Baker, Kathy Butler, Liz Lindsley, Susan Von Schmacht, Antonette Wood, [Joanna Philips], Jon Showalter, Win Fernald (Senior Warden), [Debra Spencer (Jr. Warden)] Nelson Crandall (Treasurer) Alliee DeArmond (Clerk) Rick Becton (Transition Team)

Formation: Eliza: Prayer, Win: Welcoming new Vestry Members and Appreciations, Anne: Chocolate Cake & Milk.

* Motions *

Consent agenda (Oct & Nov Minutes): Kathy moves approval, Anne seconds, Unanimous.

Budget: Jon moves and Kathy seconds that we approve the submitted Budget with an additional \$1,000 added for maintenance. Passed Unanimously.

Helpful Shop: Jon moved to approve the Helpful Shop list of grantees with amounts granted, Anne seconded. Passed unanimously.

Outreach Committee wants their designated fund to be dispersed with \$860.58 to Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and \$860.58 in Gaza through UN Food Program. Liz so moved, Jon seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Transition Team Rick: Proposed team includes Tom Butler, Bill Kell Liz Lindsley, Andy Pudan, Barbara Raney, Renee Roberts, Chris Rowen, Wendy Stevens, Antonette Wood, Rick Becton. Jon moves and Kathy Seconds to accept the Transition Team list as proposed. Passed. Unanimously. It will publicized to the congregation on 7th of January or two weeks later.

Vestry Leadership: Jon moves and Anne seconds to appoint Win to open Vestry.position. Passes. Jon moves Liz seconds To appoint Win as Senior Warden. Passed.

* Narration *

(Starred items have supplemental material added)

Interim's report Eliza* (Printed out.) Win adds, "goggle works is not my friend either."

Senior Warden's Report: Win really appreciates that so many have stepped up and helped this year.

Treasurer's Report: Nelson* Printed out statement of activities and Budget. Nelson explained some of his assumptions in the Statement of Activities. Anne: we're heating the floor and sending the heat out the upper windows. Nelson: has, for several years been confused about what we're required to spend for checking fire suppression. How much is actually required. Eliza: Fair Share is less than budgeted. Nelson: we overshoot the subscription for accounting. Realm is \$48 a month compared to the previous \$400 a month. Next year we will see the savings with the statement of activities compared to full financial statement.

Report on Helpful shop*: Struggling to find ways to show what happened with helpful shop. Sales generated \$2,000 less this year. The Helpful Shop was holding \$10,000 more than needed, so that was given away last year. New hire(s), someone failed to take into account paying sales tax, Win: Going forward it will be easier to see that. After fumbling around trying to find Helpful Shop list of grantees with amounts granted and discussing the vestry's responsibility to approve the actual amounts, **Jon moved to approve them, Anne seconded. Passed unanimously.**

Budget: Jon: Maintenance is budgeted lower than what we spent last year. Needs up to \$4900. Anne: Projected savings on electricity after solar installation is \$1,000 a month. Eileen has offered to give all flowers money to music, from the December Flowers & Music collection. **Jon moves we approve Budget with additional \$1,000 for maintenance Kathy seconds. Unanimous.**

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members, who go off at the rate of one a year beginning at the end of next year. Another detail is a clergy member submitted an application, but the advice of Canon Martha was that clergy carried too much weight to be on the committee. Mary Craig concurred that clergy's opinion tends to carry more weight. **Jon moves and Kathy Seconds to accept the Transition Team list as proposed. Passed unanimously.** It will be publicized to the congregation on 7th of January or two weeks later.

Vestry leadership. Win leaves the room. Discussion ensues. Win returns. **Jon moves and Anne seconds that we appoint Win to open Vestry position. Passes. Jon moves Liz seconds appoint Win as Senior Warden. Passes.** Win: we have a good year ahead.

Community Project Fund. Bring to next vestry meeting a list of steps and agreements with the other organizations involved in the Canterbury House. Sarah Sims has spent some years with housing. Floyd had offered to help. Anytime a parish enters into a long term lease, the diocese has to weigh in. Susan: Does the diocese have funds for something like this. Not usually. There is a church building fund. Anne: the diocese now guides toward congregational development.

Stage: Jon picks up the wood tomorrow.

Solar panels. Are going on roofs soon, but we have changed the solar panels provider. Squatters who are using the electrical room will need to move out. And our tables in there may also have to go somewhere else. The panels are independently operative now.

Report-out: Good cake (Thank you Anne), Passed a balanced budget. Approved Helpful Shop grants, transition team, and Win as Senior Warden. Canterbury House, the community outreach project, will bring beginning steps to next Vestry Meeting. Thanks to outgoing members.

Nelson collects checks for the Vestry Retreat, the weekend of January 12, 2024.

Alliee DeArmond ✧
Clerk