

Grace Church Vestry Meeting Minutes February 21, 2023

*Celebrating that Christ is all and in all by seeking, inviting, belonging,
serving & reverencing God's creation.*

Meeting called to order at 5:57 PM - Attendees: Rev. Joslyn Shaefer, Tracy Bahm, Laura Armour, Kathie Johnson, Deacon Carter Smith, Barbara Rowe, John Turley, Mariah Nehus, Mary Lockey, Suz LeClaire, Joyce Brooks, Walt Austin, Gary Roberts & David Ferguson.

DEVOTIONAL (Barb) & Prayer & [COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES](#) (Laura)
PASTORAL Check-in

*CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve [January Minutes](#)
- Receive Treasurer's report for [January Operating Income & Expense](#)
- 2022 Parochial Report

Motion by Kathy to approve consent agenda, seconded by Mary - unanimously approved.

Standing Committee Update Questions and actions requiring vestry approval

- PARISH PROGRAMS ([put minutes to last meeting here](#))
*[Parish Fair Interest Meeting](#)

Need Volunteer Leaders by March 10, 2023 in order to have the fair this summer. If no one comes forward, something in conjunction with Creation Care can be planned.

- OUTREACH - [February Meeting Minutes](#)

Discussion of durable medical equipment lending library. Kathy will check with No Boundaries.

- ADMINISTRATION ([minutes to last meeting](#))

*New Key code Access # and how to distribute

Key code change will take place March 18, 2023 - get with your prayer partner to get the new code. (Only changes the code at the front door).

*Approval of [Element Arbor](#) mitigation work/removing cherry tree branch on Feb. 27 & 28- funding should come from "B&G Maintenance" line

*Motion to approve by Tracy, seconded by Barbara - unanimously approved. *Note that the Admin. Committee to look at and reevaluate tree service vendor for future services.*

*[Check-signers](#) approval

Motion to add Gene Sloan, Tracy Bahm and Terry Guida made by John, seconded by Kathy - unanimously approved.

*Allocation of 2022 Operating Budget Surplus (see [year-end operating](#) financials here)
\$49,341 –

Note: 13.54% for Outreach is \$6680.80, leaving \$42,661.03;

Possibilities include Endowment Contribution, Vestry Reserve, Give even more away, Put toward roof/fire-alarm loan

Motion to move \$6,680.80 to Outreach and \$42,661.03 to Vestry Reserve for now - motion by Barbara, seconded by Laura - unanimously approved. Further discussion at a later date to determine the possible distribution of the \$42,661.03 among Endowment, loan payment. Tabled until next meeting - distribution of insurance check from roof repairs.

WARDENS Report

- New Vestry Members and Vestry Clerk check-in; issues and questions
- Safety training for all vestry members; Vestry Clerk?
- Questions regarding Joslyn's sabbatical : Lisa's responsibilities, the vestry, Orion's
- Where to allocate 1K Sacred Grounds Award from Interfaith Power & Light from Cool Congregations Challenge

Motion to create a designated fund for this \$1,000 made by Barbara, seconded by Mary - unanimously approved.

- Calendar Dates for "Renewal Works" - Rector will provide proposal at next meeting
- David Nedved, Tracy Bahm and David Ferguson are our AV experts for Sunday Forum help
- Note Dates for Committee Nights: 3/7, 4/11, 5/2, 6/6, 7/11, 8/1, 9/5, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5

RECTOR'S REPORT

Parochial Report to be filed with National Church (in Feb. Vestry folder link) - Motion by Laura to review and edit typos before submission 3/1/23 - seconded by John - unanimously approved.

[Newcomers](#) - Ogle, Kranker

- Discussion of Best Date for Annual Meeting in 2024
- Reminder about Significant Dates
 - Lenten Programs
 - **Presenting Prayer Partners for the Rite of Confirmation**

***Feb. 21, 2023 meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM
Minutes respectfully submitted by David Ferguson***

Note: Additional Votes from Vestry Retreat on Sunday 1/29/2023:

(All Vestry members and rector present)

- *Motion made by Tracy Bahm to appoint David Ferguson as clerk; Walt Austin as Treasurer and Gary Roberts as Assistant Treasurer. Seconded by Kathie Johnson. Approved.*

- *Motion Mary Lockey to appoint provisional Standing Committee members whose appointments will be confirmed at the February Vestry Meeting as follows:*
 - *Admin: Kent Clary, Judy Dykes, Frank Guida*
 - *Outreach: Sue Volgas, Rich Ploch, Jim Geenen*
 - *Parish Programs: Laurel Destry, Gene Sloan, Susan Williams, Lisa Hardeman, Natalie Bayless, Teresa Riley, Barb Jones, Diana Bahm, Georgia Raines,*
 - *Frank Roger-Witte**Mariah seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.*

Conflict Resolution (Part 1 of 4)