**St. John’s Vestry**

**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting**

**January 19, 2022**

**Meeting in Philbrick Room and via Zoom**

**In attendance:** Rev. Rob Stevens, Chuck Silva, Gerry Simpkins, Andy Bangs, Kelly Boston, Anne McSally, Chris Nettleton, Tom Gruen, Randy Philbrook, Lizzie Bristow, and Steve Falci.

**Absent:** Allie Dudas, Rebecca Hennessy, Barry Hechler

**At 7:00 Chuck called the meeting to order**

**1. Finance update: (Kelly)**

Kelly presented a balanced 2023 budget of nearly $1.2 million.

* Pledge goal of $550K & 300 pledges
* ~ 95% @ 523K / ~ 73% in pledges
* Strong parking revenue streams aligned w/a bit of conservatism.
* Expenses proposed w/ diligence and includes funding for an Associate Rector

Gerry made a motion to approve the 2023 budget which was seconded by Randy.

Stewardship Update – we have had 221 pledges for a 525K through January 18.

**2. Clergy Updates: (Rob)**

* Rob told the Vestry that Steve is in the process of formation for ordination and asked Steve to send out his spiritual autobiography for their consideration.
* Rob has identified a strong candidate for associate rector.
* Housing is one of the issues to be addressed for a new associate rector and raises the larger issue for housing for new clergy who are coming to Portsmouth where housing is expensive. Rob and Chuck described a solution where the purchase of house jointly by St. John’s and the Associate Rector could be structured in a manner that would benefit and protect both parties.
* Rob will get a team together to look at this.

**3. Building update: (Gerry)**

* Gerry noted that the final inspections by the city of Portsmouth and the fire inspection both went well.

**Closing prayer: Steve offered a prayer to end our meeting****.**

**Meeting adjourned: approximately 8:00PM**