

St. John's Vestry
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
March 15, 2022
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

In attendance: Rev. Rob Stevens, Rev. Anne Williamson, Chuck Silva, Gerry Simpkins, Lizzie Bristow, Andy Bangs, Tom Gruen, Ellie Sanderson, Kelly Boston, Anne McSally, Ally Dudas and Steve Falci.

Absent: John Bolduc, Jeff Croteau, Randy Philbrook, Rebecca Hennessy, and Veronique Doherty.

At 7:03 Chuck called the meeting to order

1. Approval of Minutes from February 15, 2022, meeting

*Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ellie and seconded by Anne. **Vote:** All in favor.*

1. Building update: (Gerry and Chuck)

- Gerry reported that things were going well with work on the ramp and the steps expected to commence in a couple of weeks. Chuck noted we will have a better idea when we can open when we get more clarity on the completion of the construction. Rob expressed hope that we will have some use by June and completion by September.

2. Finance update: (Kelly)

- Revenue was quite strong in the first month of 2022. Multiple pledges paid, in full, during January. Parking income was lower than budget as it relates to the timing of payment for the parking passes. Michelle will follow up on status.
- Expenses are aligned nicely with budget; variances are related to timing, lower utility costs & repairs, and higher administration costs due to the purchase of internet equipment and online processing fees (\$1K) from Dec 21.
- Capital Campaign Update (as of 14 March 2022) -Budget \$956,193 / Current Estimate @ Completion (EAC) \$966,386 / \$10,193 over budget.
- Endowment Draws 2022: \$63,404 (3.9%) is available for withdrawal based on Budget assumptions.
- \$110K, in deferred, from a gift to cover operating expenses in 2022 (budget planned in June).

3. Stewardship update: (Rob and Kelly)

- Kelly reported that we have received 249 Pledges / \$575K vs. Budget of 300 pledges / \$550K. Rob updated noting we have received a few more pledges and the total is now \$578K.

- We are very happy to have surpassed the monetary goal. It was agreed that Rob would make a soft appeal to try to get the participation up to 300.

4. Clergy Updates: (Anne and Rob)

- Anne noted the Walk in Love program was being offered Sundays after the 10:00 service and at 6:00. Participation has been strong. The Reading Between the Lines group has been using Bishop Steven Charleston's book, Ladder to the Light. We are preparing for the visit of Bishop Rob Hirschfeld on April 24, where members of our community will have the opportunities for Reaffirmation, Reception and Confirmation. There was an interfaith prayer service at Temple Israel for the people of the Ukraine and she hoped St. John's would have the opportunity to host the interfaith group in near future. Anne told the vestry Michelle would be setting up on-line background checks for us in accordance with the Safe Church program.
- Rob said that our community would have the opportunity to contribute to the Ukrainian people through Episcopal Relief Development. Masks will be voluntary starting next Sunday, but we will remain nimble should the virus pick up again. He noted that the virtual option for church has enhanced our life together especially around special life events like funerals. Choir School is doing very well, and Ashley, Jen and Olin have a vision to make it even more far reaching. They will be offering two camps this summer. Rob noted St. John's is "vibrating"!

Closing prayer: Rob offered a prayer to end our meeting.

Meeting adjourned: approximately 7:55PM