

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE VESTRY  
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Vestry meeting convened on January 21, 2019, at 7:00 PM in the Grace Center Conference Room. Stuart opened with a prayer.

**VESTRY MEMBERS/OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Polly Jones, Senior Warden  
Ben Wagner, Junior Warden  
Kimberley Boyd  
Charles Kelley  
Stan Lewis  
Patrick O'Rourke  
Jean Parks  
Scarlet Pendarvis  
Doug Smith  
Meredith West  
Doug McDuff, Treasurer  
Callie Flack, Treasurer elect

**ABSENT:**

Adam Hazell  
Bob Willis

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Rev. Dr. Stuart Higginbotham  
Rev. Dr. Cynthia Park

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the meetings held on November 26 and January 3 were presented for approval. Kelley/Lewis. Unanimous

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:** The December 2018 report was presented by Doug McDuff and unanimously approved. Finance/Boyd.

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF 2019 BUDGET:** Ben Wagner announced that the Finance Committee had approved the 2019 budget. There was a thorough review of the budget. Finance/West. Unanimous.

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF WLA CONTRACT:** Dale Jaeger made a proposal for the landscaping of the plaza. Chancellor Jason Voyles has reviewed the contract. Finance/Kelley. Unanimous.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Stuart commended Patrick O'Rourke for his leadership on the Stewardship Committee, particularly in the aspects of timing and follow-through.
- Stuart thanked Doug McDuff for his three years as Treasurer.
- Stuart thanked Ben Wagner for being Finance Committee Chair for two years.
- Possible dates for Stuart's sabbatical are: May 20 – June 16.

- Update on Hispanic service: two people attended the first one, and one the last. There are forty people Edgar is communicating with.
- We need to shift communication to the Google Doc system.
- Lt. Tommy McElroy will be coordinating the February 3 effort for all six churches affected by the demonstration. There will be a security meeting on Tuesday, January 22, at 3:00PM for a discussion with leaders from both the GPD and the churches.
- Stuart requested feedback from the January 16 meeting with the architectural firm; they will be returning for the January 30 Parish Meeting.
- Callie Flack gave an update on the Grace website, which will include financial reports, minutes and budget.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM with a closing prayer from Cynthia. Minutes recorded by Susan Lahey, Clerk of the Vestry.