

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

CALL TO ORDER: The Vestry meeting convened on February 25, 2019, at 7:05 PM in the Grace Center Conference Room. Stuart opened with a Collect.

VESTRY MEMBERS/OFFICERS PRESENT:

Polly Jones, Senior Warden
Patrick O'Rourke, Junior Warden
Charles Kelley
JoAnn Manring
Jean Parks
Scarlet Pendarvis
Gail Sargent
Dan Scott
Doug Smith
Mike Whitmire
Callie Flack, Treasurer

ABSENT:

Adam Hazell
Stan Lewis

STAFF PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT FOR FIRST PART OF MEETING:

Doug McDuff, Assistant Treasurer

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular meeting on January 21, 2019, were presented for approval. Kelley/Sargent. Unanimous approval.

The minutes of the called meeting on January 30, 2019, were presented for approval. Whitmire/O'Rourke. Unanimous approval.

AMENDMENTS TO JANUARY 21, 2109, TREASURER'S REPORT:

First, Cynthia Park's pension will change from 19% to 18%. Jones/Parks. Unanimous approval.
Second, December 2018 expenses will increase; the amount transferred to the Building Reserve Fund will decrease by the same amount. Jones/Smith. Unanimous approval.
Finally, Stuart's housing allowance has shifted, but the total doesn't change. Jones/Manring. Unanimous approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Callie Flack gave a detailed explanation of the four components of the report to the new vestry members. She clarified that that Memorial Fund is used for worship supplies and that there is a separate fund for anything in the Memorial Garden/Columbarium. The Treasurer's report was approved as stated. Kelley/Parks. Unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- The new check approval signatures have been obtained.
- Laura Masterson, our seminarian, has been approved as a postulate and is coming up for candidacy. Stuart read a letter from Laura, highlighting what the seminary experience has meant to her. In a motion made by Scarlet Pendarvis and seconded by Polly Jones, the vestry voted unanimously to approve her candidacy.
- To prepare for the March meeting at the rectory, Stuart asked the vestry to think about the five clusters: Administration, Compassion, Formation, Liturgy & Creative Expression, and Participation. Stuart will work with Polly and Reba to provide an overview of parish life as a whole. During this discussion, Gail and JoAnn volunteered to work on a new directory for the parish.
- The church picnic this year will include a police/sheriff appreciation component.
- Polly reminded the new vestry members to sign up for the ROTA.
- There will be a funeral service for Bill Greene on March 1 at 3:00PM.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM with a closing prayer by Cynthia. Minutes recorded by Susan Lahey, Clerk of the Vestry.