

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE VESTRY
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA
SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

PRELUDE: Stewardship video of Stuart and Cynthia from the organ pipe chamber.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting opened with a prayer at 7:05 PM.

VESTRY MEMBERS/OFFICERS PRESENT:

Polly Jones, Senior Warden
Charles Kelley
Stan Lewis
JoAnn Manring
Gail Sargent
Dan Scott
Doug Smith
Mike Whitmire
Callie Flack, Treasurer

ABSENT:

Patrick O'Rourke, Junior Warden
Adam Hazell
Jean Parks
Scarlet Pendarvis

STAFF PRESENT:

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

ACTION ITEMS:

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kelley/Whitmire. Unanimous approval.

FINANCIALS:

Callie Flack reviewed the financial reports. Lewis/Whitmire. Approval was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Ground was broken on the Sanctuary Plaza on September 30. Georgia Power has trimmed the trees.
- The 2018 Audit is wrapping up. There will be a meeting on October 24 for Finance Committee and Vestry to discuss the audit. The approval is set for the October 28 Vestry meeting.
- The nominating committee will include the four Vestry members rotating off (Lewis, Jones, Hazell and Parks) and the four who rotated off in 2018 (Boyd, Wagner, West and Willis). They will propose a slate of eight. Four new Vestry members will be selected in 2020.
- Stuart proposed that we shift the annual meeting from January 29 to Sunday, January 26. There will be one service at 10:00 AM, with lunch after the service, followed by the meeting. Father

Stuart offered to contact those parishioners who attend the 8:15 AM service, and also to provide a van to transport members to the service and meeting. The Capital Campaign will be rolled out at this time. To change the meeting date, the Vestry will need to approve this change from what the by-laws specify.

- The called meeting of the Vestry on October 9 will examine the Capital Campaign as a whole. The Steering Committee has requested that the Vestry sign off on the scope and scale of the campaign, after which the Steering Committee will begin putting in place the promotional activities.
- After meeting for an hour on October 9, the Vestry will pause, reflect, and resume the discussion at the upcoming Vestry meeting.
- There was discussion of the new “no unattended children” policy on Sunday mornings. An effort will be made to communicate with concerned parents that there are safety issues that led to the formulation of this policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM with prayers from both Rev. Cynthia Park and Polly Jones. The called meeting of the Vestry will be Wednesday, October 9 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. The regular Vestry meeting will be Monday, October 28 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes recorded by Susan Lahey, Clerk of the Vestry