

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

CALL TO ORDER: The Vestry meeting convened on January 26, at 1:25 PM in the Grace Center Conference Room. Stuart Higginbotham opened with a prayer

VESTRY MEMBERS/OFFICERS PRESENT:

Patrick O'Rourke, Junior Warden
Newsom Cummings
Chaudron Gille
Charles Kelley
JoAnn Manring
Scarlet Pendarvis
Tom Rossi
Gail Sargent
Doug Smith
Christy Wagner
Mike Whitmire
Callie Flack, Treasurer

ABSENT:

Dan Scott, Senior Warden

STAFF PRESENT:

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

ACTION ITEMS:

The formal election of Patrick O'Rourke continuing as Junior Warden and Susan Lahey as Clerk of the Vestry: Kelly/Pendarvis. Unanimous. Callie Flack will continue her term as Treasurer, and Doug McDuff as Assistant Treasurer.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stuart Higginbotham welcomed newly elected Vestry members: Newsom Cummings, Chaudron Gille, Tom Rossi, and Christy Wagner. Outgoing Vestry members had been recognized at the Annual Meeting which preceded the Vestry meeting: Senior Warden Polly Jones, Adam Hazell, Stan Lewis and Jean Parks.

The current Chancellor, Jason Voyles, will need to be replaced within the year. Chaudron Gille asked for clarification on the role of the Chancellor; in short, it is as General Counselor to the Rector, who hopes to find someone new by summer to shadow Jason for six months.

The four additional Grace members who were candidates for the Vestry are Edith Collins, Dwight Hudgins, Nancy Richardson and Sally Pittman; they have agreed to join Patrick O'Rourke and JoAnn Manring in enhancing the Membership component of our Clusters. Patrick sees the possibility of having zip codes embark on service projects together. Further discussion will be held.

Stuart Higginbotham explained that each of the new Vestry members will need to join one of the five existing Cluster groups at our next meeting. Additionally, all other Vestry members are invited to continue with their existing Clusters or to explore new ones.

New Vestry members will sign up for ROTA positions. The duties for the 8:15 and 10:45 services can be found in a drawer in the narthex.

There will be no more paper binders distributed to Vestry members because everything is now online. Google Doc information will be sent by Reba prior to Vestry meetings. **The next meeting will be** February 24 at 7:00 PM. Among topics for discussion at this meeting, the auditors' notes about counting the plate offerings will be discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM with a closing prayer by Rev. Cynthia Park.

Minutes recorded by Susan Lahey, Clerk of the Vestry