

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

CALL TO ORDER: The Vestry meeting convened on February 24, 2021, at 7:00 PM via ZOOM Conference. Stuart Higginbotham invited all to share in reading Psalm 46.

VESTRY MEMBERS/OFFICERS PRESENT:

Dan Scott, Senior Warden
Chaudron Gille, Junior Warden
Barbara Batog
Newsom Cummings
Dan Grizzle
Vance Holifield
JoAnn Manring
Sonja McLendon
Tom Rossi
Gail Sargent
Christy Wagner
Mike Whitmire
Callie Flack, Treasurer

STAFF PRESENT:

Rev. Dr. Stuart Higginbotham
Rev. Dr. Cynthia Park
Rev. Edgar Otero

ACTION ITEMS

- Financials and Minutes from December were approved. Whitmire/Scott. Unanimous.
- The renewal for the lease on the copier (plus a new envelope folder and stuffer) was approved. Gille/Manring. Unanimous.
- A \$10,000 gift from Roger and Linda Brown will be added to the funds on hand for completing the final two banks in the Columbarium Garden. Approved. Scott/Sargent. Unanimous.
- Friends of Music (FOM): The fund-raising campaign is normally held in February, but will be deferred until after Easter this year. The money from this fund supports one-half of the staff singers (who have continued to participate remotely); the other half is funded from the operating budget. The remaining funds support concerts throughout the year. The vestry will have an opportunity to preview the fund-raising letter that will go to parishioners. Approved by all with one opposed. Whitmire/Holifield.
- The Parochial Report was emailed earlier to all vestry members. After a brief discussion, the group agreed that it should be sent to the Diocese before the March 1 deadline. Approved. McLendon/Whitmire. Unanimous.

OTHER:

- Vestry training for Safeguarding God's People and Safeguarding God's Children: Reba will send vestry the link to the modules. A 2-hour training will also be required.
- In the future, Stuart will send the ZOOM link for the meeting to Reba, who will send it with updated links to google docs.

Dan Scott led a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

Minutes recorded by Susan Lahey, Clerk of the Vestry