

**MINUTES OF A ZOOM MEETING OF THE VESTRY  
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA  
January 27, 2022 AT 7:00pm**

**VESTRY MEMBERS/OFFICERS PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Rev. Dr. Stuart Higginbotham  
Rev. Dr. Cynthia Park  
Rev. Mary Demmler

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Callie Flack, Treasurer  
Susan Lahey, Clerk of the Vestry

**ABSENT:**

Sonja McLendon

The meeting opened with a prayer from Senior Warden Dan Scott.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Approved Year-End financials, Treasurer's Report and November Minutes (there was no December meeting).

Motion to Approve: Gille/Whitmire. Unanimous.

Approved distributing surplus funds to COG, designated Worship and Formation, Outreach, Building Reserve and Operating Reserve. Whitmire/Manring. Unanimous.

Approved 2022 budget as stated with an amendment to increase Outreach to \$57,000 and include recent additional \$12,000 pledge to total pledges.

Whitmire/Wagner. Unanimous.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- The building reserve fund will be moving from Ameris Bank to Peach State Bank for FDIC insurance reasons. Peach State is the only local bank in Gainesville.
- Treasurer Callie Flack reports that Grace ended the year on a strong financial footing. We were able to offer pay increases to the clergy and other staff members. Additionally, a person will be hired on a per diem basis to assist Jeremy and free him up to spend more time managing our on-line services.
- Newsom Cumming suggested that the Finance Committee should look at investigating some of our funds into liquid accounts.
- The Finance Committee will do an insurance review in 2022 to ensure that we have sufficient coverage.
- There is a 30-day window to close out our claim on church insurance after the lightning damage.
- Chaudron Gille and Cheryl Kelley will discuss the survey results at our annual meeting on February 26. Based on the feedback received from the survey, we will be setting up a 5-year strategic plan.
- Stuart expressed appreciation for the contributions of the four outgoing vestry members: Senior Warden Dan Scott, JoAnn Manring, Gail Sargent and Mike Whitmire. They will be missed.

Dan Scott closed with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Lahey, Clerk of the Vestry