

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE VESTRY**  
**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA (VIA ZOOM and IN PERSON)**  
**AUGUST 24, 2022 AT 7:00pm**

**VESTRY MEMBERS/OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Barbara Batog (ZOOM)  
Newsom Cummings  
Nate Early  
Julia Greene (ZOOM)  
Daniel Grizzle  
Vance Holifield  
Beth Neidenbach (ZOOM)  
Tom Rossi  
Christy Wagner

**ABSENT:**

Sonja McLendon, Senior Warden  
Chaudron Gille, Junior Warden  
Sally Pittman  
Callie Flack, Treasurer

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Susan Lahey, Clerk of the Vestry

Rev. Dr. Stuart Higginbotham opened the meeting with a request that everyone join in the Lord's Prayer.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

July financials and minutes were approved.  
Grizzle/Rossi. Unanimous.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Stuart announced that there will be a parish meeting on September 11 to discuss stress-related issues facing society today and to focus on the question: "When is the last time you absolutely knew that God was true?" Copies of the August financials will be distributed at this meeting. Meredith West will represent the youth in parish life.
- Cynthia showed a bag full of twiddle muffs that have been created by Grace knitters for use in the Emergency Care Kits that the church is distributing to caregivers of dementia patients.
- The Finance Committee is looking at the Children of Grace budget, which currently falls under the same 501c3 budget as the church itself. Reba Page manages the books for all, and Jennifer Williams handles communication for both groups.

- Bicentennial Committee update: the Building & Grounds Committee is meeting with Tipton Construction Company, and Finance is examining pledge contributions and building reserve fund to determine if Finance wants to draw money from building reserves or raise additional money. At the same time, Jeremy Landers is assessing the systems such as office equipment and HVAC, etc. The Vestry will act on the recommendations from these groups unless it is deemed necessary to involve more people in making the decision to move forward with construction plans. The plan is to launch the Bicentennial Campaign at the annual meeting in January.
- The on-line directory will be presented on 9/11. It is only for members, and will be accessed by email addresses. Parishioners can update photos and information. This new directory is timely because 72 new people have come to Grace in the past 18 months.
- Beginning this month, the "Vestry Person of the Day" will be introduced before each service.
- On the contacts page of the Grace website, there is a contact person for each of the ministries.
- Lynn Swanson is sending out a survey to parents to see if there is a commitment for a youth choir.

The meeting was closed at 7:55 with a prayer by Rev. Dr. Cynthia Park.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Lahey, Clerk of the Vestry.