

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE VESTRY
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA
AUGUST 27, 2023**

VESTRY MEMBERS/OFFICERS PRESENT:

Sonja McLendon, Senior Warden
Julia Greene, Junior Warden
Barb Batog
Jim Brim
Stuart Deaderick
Daniel Grizzle
Vance Holifield
Beth Neidenbach
Frank Rinker
Helen Scovill

ABSENT:

Sally Pittman
Anita Smith
Amy Munn, Treasurer

STAFF PRESENT:

Rev. Dr. Stuart Higginbotham
Rev. Dr. Cynthia Park
Rev. Dr. Brandon Nonnemaker

OTHERS PRESENT:

Susan Lahey, Clerk of the Vestry

Rev. Dr. Stuart Higginbotham opened the meeting at 12:15PM with a prayer. Lunch was served.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of Treasurer's Report and minutes from July 26, 2023. Rinker/Neidenbach. Unanimous
- Approval of Children of Grace Budget and approval to move surplus funds from Children of Grace 2022/23 budget to building reserve fund (\$20,000) and operating reserve fund (\$13,890). McLendon/Holifield. Unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Junior Warden Julia Greene reported on the construction project. The city approved the project with the stipulation that the water fountains remain in place and that there be no additional sinks in the rest rooms.
- The remainder of the meeting was devoted to sharing ideas to formulate a parish-wide vision statement, starting with "Who do we say we are?" The starting point was enneagram work followed by a brainstorming session led by Senior Warden Sonja McLendon on multiple facets of parish life.

The September Vestry meeting will be focused on further discussion of the ideas raised in this meeting today. The date for that meeting will be Thursday, September 28 at 7:00PM.

The meeting was closed with a prayer at 2:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lahey, Clerk of the Vestry