



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE VESTRY
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA
SEPTEMBER 28, 2023**

VESTRY MEMBERS/OFFICERS PRESENT:

Sonja McLendon, Senior Warden
Julia Greene, Junior Warden
Jim Brim
Daniel Grizzle
Vance Holifield
Beth Neidenbach (zoom)
Sally Pittman
Frank Rinker
Helen Scovill
Anita Smith

ABSENT:

Barb Batog
Stuart Deaderick
Amy Munn, Treasurer

STAFF PRESENT:

Rev. Dr. Stuart Higginbotham
Rev. Dr. Cynthia Park
Rev. Dr. Brandon Nonnemaker
Reba Page – during the Finance meeting
Jessica Voyles – during the Finance meeting

OTHERS PRESENT:

Susan Lahey, Clerk of the Vestry

OTHER BUSINESS:

Rev. Dr. Stuart Higginbotham opened the meeting at 6:00PM with a prayer.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of Treasurer's Report and minutes from August 27, 2023. Rinker/Pittman. Unanimous.
- Accepted audit by Collin Rygh with Aldridge and Associates. McLendon/Rinker. Unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- At 6:00PM an hour-long special meeting took place with the Finance Committee and Vestry to discuss the audit report. At the conclusion of the report, the official Vestry meeting began at 7:00PM.
- Junior Warden Julia Greene reported on the construction project and provided samples of the furniture selection for the Youth Room. \$71, 833.63 is the cost, and a check for half that amount will be sent as a deposit. The roofers should begin the new roof in 1-2 weeks, and the goal is matching the roof, brick and cap to the rest of the church. Concrete has been poured for the ramp from the rear parking lot. A plumber has taken measurements for the bathroom. It is hoped the entire project will be finished by Advent.

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- The Nominating Committee will begin by working off last year's list.
- Jeremy Landers is waiting to hear the start date for installation of the fire alarm.
- Dr. Stuart Deaderick has been announced as the next Senior Warden.
- Stuart announced that there will be 2 questions on the back of next Sunday's bulletin and online. The results will be collected after the service and entered into a word cloud.
 1. What one word or image describes a Christian community to you?
 2. In one sentence, please share what you imagine God's dream to be for Grace Episcopal Church.
- Next year, we need to use a vision statement to see the needs of the parish. This will be a topic of the annual meeting in February 2024.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Cynthia Park at 7:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lahey, Clerk of the Vestry


10/16/23