

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE VESTRY
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA (Via Zoom & In Person)
NOVEMBER 30, 2023

VESTRY MEMBERS/OFFICERS PRESENT:

Sonja McLendon, Senior Warden
Julia Greene, Junior Warden
Barb Batog
Jim Brim
Stuart Deaderick
Daniel Grizzle
Beth Neidenbach
Sally Pittman
Frank Rinker
Helen Scovill
Anita Smith

ABSENT:

Vance Holifield

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Amy Munn, Treasurer
Susan Lahey, Clerk of the Vestry

OTHER BUSINESS:

Rev. Dr. Stuart Higginbotham opened the meeting at 6:30PM with prayers from *The Book of Common Prayer*.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of Treasurer's Report and minutes from October 26, 2023. Neidenbach/McLendon. Unanimous.
- Approval of expenditures for the A/C Unit on the side of the building. Via Email on November 14, 2023. Unanimous

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Treasurer Amy Munn announced that we are ahead of schedule with pledges for 2024. Amy, Father Stuart and Reba Page will work with the Finance Committee on the budget.
- Junior Warden Julia Greene gave an update on the construction project. Most of the brickwork has been completed at the Grace Center, the new fire alarm was installed and the security system is in progress. The bathroom components have been ordered and refurbishment will begin after Christmas. A get-together will be planned for the construction workers after completion of the project.

- Dr. Daniel Grizzle reported on the Nominating Committee for Vestry. Six parishioners have been vetted and have agreed to have their names submitted. They are: Kimmy Boyd, Chip Branch, Nan Carvell, Ashley Dillingham, Cheryl Kelley and Gary Lawrence. Others are still being contacted. The voting will be on-line and those selected will be announced at the annual meeting, which will take place on February 4, 2024, between the two services. A continental breakfast will be served.
- Discussion of youth programs: Dr. Stuart Deaderick recommended that there be a follow-up meeting with parents of youth. Sally Pittman would like to get all the youth together to organize caroling for homebound parishioners.
- Outreach: Rev. Drs. Cynthia and Stuart met with Kathie Futrell to reframe the four outreach teams: Health Care, Mental Health, Homelessness and Education.
- Discussion of the difference between *mission* and *vision*. It was agreed that *mission* is “who we are” and *vision* is “aspirational.” Grace currently uses the mission statement from the prayer book. Suggestions were given for formulating a statement to reflect our position as a parish.
- There will not be a vestry meeting in December.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Rev. Dr. Brandon Nonnemaker at 7:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lahey, Clerk of the Vestry