

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE VESTRY
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA (Via Zoom)
Thursday, November 21, 2024**

VESTRY MEMBERS/OFFICERS PRESENT:

Stuart Deaderick, Senior Warden
Julia Greene, Junior Warden
Sue Bowron
Kimberley Boyd
Cheryl Kelley
Beth Neidenbach
Sally Pittman
Frank Rinker
Helen Scovill

ABSENT:

Amy Munn, Treasurer
Jim Brim
Steve Carlson
Anita Smith

STAFF PRESENT:

Rev. Dr. Stuart Higginbotham
Rev. Dr. Brandon Nonnemaker

OTHERS PRESENT:

Susan Lahey, Clerk of the Vestry

Rev. Dr. Stuart Higginbotham opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:30PM.

AGENDA ITEMS/APPROVALS:

- Approval of Consent Agenda: Minutes taken by Dr. Stuart Deaderick and Treasurer's Report. Rinker/Neidenbach. Unanimous
- Approval for \$100,000 plate offering to be transferred to Building Reserve, which has a current balance of \$478,000. Rinker/Kelley. Unanimous.
- Junior Warden Julia Greene gave an update on the Building & Grounds segment of the campaign. It is anticipated that all the updates will be complete by Christmas. Automatic openers have been installed on several doors to facilitate ease of entry for handicapped individuals.
- Sue Bowron reported that she, Frank Rinker and Steve Carlson met with Jeremy Landers on November 20. He provided them with a packet of information. The biggest project for the upcoming years will be the HVAC system. One of our vendors is not responding, so we are looking for another vendor. COG classrooms are having heat pump problems. We are awaiting bids for painting & staining to take to the Finance Committee. The Plaza sitting wall needs

staining of the top surface because it has powderized. Other issues: replacing nave lights with LED lights and upgrading our IT, which will involve a server replacement and doing a study to bring all IT up to date to include specialized software after consulting with staff.

- Father Brandon, Stuart Deaderick and Sally Pittman reported that family clusters are coming together. There is a plan to create a cluster for young adults without children. EYC celebrated Friendsgiving and a scavenger hunt. River Demmler attended an overnight at the Diocesan council. Plans are being made to go Christmas caroling at LVE and hold a white elephant auction. There are no confirmation classes at present, but it depends on the demand. Diocesan confirmation will take place on March 16. Parish fellowship night will be held on February 13 at NoFo. The Thanksgiving dinner was a great success.
- Stewardship Update: We are currently at the total pledge of where we were last year at this time. There are 32 people on the call list. We have used surplus funds from COVID; the more pledges we get now, the more for outreach and COLA for staff.
- Father Stuart reported that \$27,000 has been disbursed from the discretionary fund which leaves a balance of \$22,000. We support FCA at Brenau University.
- In the coming year, the Junior Warden's role will focus on participation. Assuming that role will be Kimmey Boyd, who will lead the Ministry Fair in February. Kelley/Rinker. Unanimous.
- The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, February 2, during the formation hour. Beth Neidenbach announced the slate for the vestry:
 1. Jim Bradley
 2. Jo Brewer
 3. Bob Byrne
 4. Darlene Hauserman
 5. Gary Lawrence
 6. Raymond Smith
 7. Jason Voyles
 8. Jeff Whalen
- Finance Committee Chair Hank Goble is spearheading the establishment of a Planned Giving Society.
- There will be no December Vestry meeting. We will meet next after the Finance Committee submits the budget.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Rev. Dr. Stuart Higginbotham at 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lahey, Clerk of the Vestry