

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin, Davis
Vestry Meeting Draft Agenda
December 14, 2021, 7:00-9:00 pm via Zoom

Present: Bob Polkinghorn, Jessie Ann Owens, Lisa Leigh, Sarah Conning, Chris Reynolds, Ann Liu, Kimo Kimokeo, David Martin, Julie Knudsen, Stan Forbes, Maria Acuna Feldman, Pamela Dolan, Casey Kloehn Dunsworth
Absent: Honna Steissberg
Guests:

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

I. Opening Prayer / Discussion of Church Cracked Open (Chapter 4)

Pamela posed the question of what truths need to be shared in our church, which the group discussed through a process of mutual invitation. She concluded the discussion with a prayer “First Coming” by Madeleine L’engle.

II. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Draft Agenda

A motion (Leigh) to approve the draft agenda with an addition of time for closed session to discuss item VI was seconded (Reynolds) and passed unanimously.

III. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Minutes of November meeting

A motion (Leigh) to approve the minutes of the November meeting as written was seconded (Acuna Feldman) and passed unanimously.

IV. REPORT: November financial statement

Julie reviewed the November financial statement and noted that we are still on target to end the year with a surplus, though also pointing out that the Matthew 25 gifts are a large expenditure that will be reflected in the December financials.

V. DISCUSSION: Budget and Finance Committee

Stan reported that we now anticipate roughly \$510,000 of available income including pledge and plate, facilities, use, and investment income. He was very pleased to note the income has gone up. He anticipates that we will be able to proceed with the budget we want. The Budget and Finance Committee would like to propose two scheduled Vestry meetings in January—one to present and discuss a draft budget and a second to vote on it. If there is a surplus for 2021, will use it to fulfill the obligation to capital reserves. The committee also proposes that we set aside the \$20,000 refund payment from Diocese in order to use it for an intentional purpose. Jessie noted that the budget is the mirror of our priorities.

We agreed to a meeting schedule for January:

January 11 7:30pm regular Vestry meeting, will include open discussion.

January 16 (Sunday) noon after church via Zoom

January 30 brief meeting for new Vestry after Annual Meeting

VI. ACTION ITEM: Scouts BSA Troop 466; vote on chartering

Entered closed session at 8:02pm

A motion (Liu) to approve the charter arrangement with Troop 466 for 2022 was seconded (Leigh) and passed with two abstentions (Conning and Knudsen), all others in favor.

Returned to regular session at 8:22pm

VII. UPDATE: Stewardship Committee

Bob thanked the Stewardship Committee for their work and reminded everyone to update Josy after you reach your assigned people. If you find people who have left St. Martin's or the area, or if there seems to be a pastoral need, please update Bob and Pamela.

IX. UPDATE: Vestry Nominating Committee

The outgoing vestry members are making good progress on recruiting a slate of candidates for vestry service.

IX. UPDATE: Forbes Ranch

Pamela reported that planning and organizing for use and care of the Ranch will be nested within the newly forming Landscape Committee. Jim Schaal has agreed to chair this committee and will be recruiting members. She noted that landscape-related grants received this year were for gathering, worship, and hands on learning, all of which can take place in part at the Ranch. She also shared her anticipation that spring will be a beautiful time at the Ranch.

X. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Forbes) to approve the consent agenda was seconded (Polkinghorn) and passed unanimously.

Margaret led a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Conning, clerk

Exhibits

Draft minutes of November 2021 meeting

November 2021 financial report

Scouts BSA Charter agreement and background information

Reports for the Consent Agenda

Buildings and Grounds Report