

Episcopal Church of St.
Martin, Davis CA
Vestry Meeting
Minutes
24 October 2022,
4:30-6:30pm, on Zoom

Present: Maria Acuna-Feldman, Diane Bamforth, Beth Capell, Colette Chabbott, Pamela Dolan (Rector), Ben Guthrie, Kimo Kimokeo, Ann Liu, David Martin, Chris Reynolds, Honna Steissberg, Neil Willits
Absent: Julie Knudsen
Guests: Margaret Grayden (Deacon), Alessa Johns

I. OPENING PRAYER

Pamela opened with prayer.

II. SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Pamela led the vestry in an alternate version of Evening Prayer.

III. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Draft Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda (Neil), with the reference to “strip mining” in the label of one attachment changed to “open pit mining”, was seconded (Colette) and passed unanimously.

IV. ACTION ITEM: Approval of draft August & September vestry meeting minutes.

A motion (Maria) to approve the August minutes, with amendments to include two changes to the section on the discussion of the Teichert Open Pit Mine: a reference to “open gravel mine” was changed to “open pit mine” and the phrase “the vestry reviewed a draft letter”, was seconded (Chris) and passed with one abstention (Pamela). A motion (Chris) to approve the September minutes, with three wording changes in the section on Teichert Open Pit Mine, was seconded (Neil) and passed with two abstentions (Pamela and Colette).

V. ACTION ITEM: Financial report through September 2022

Neil reported that pledge payments for 2022 have come in more slowly than average but due to savings in the personnel line item, the budget shortfall is less than would otherwise have

been the case. Neil and Chris discussed options for sharing the news of the budget shortfall with the parish, including a draft letter to the congregation. *A motion (Maria) to accept the financial report and send out the letter to the congregation, with modifications of the “voice” of the letter (since the letter will be signed by Chris) was seconded (Beth) and passed unanimously.*

VI. DISCUSSION: Budget shortfall and communication to the parish

See item V, above

VII. DISCUSSION: Stewardship

Neil reported 32 pledges have been received for 2023 to date, compared to 97 total received for 2022, including 13 increased, 5 decreases and 1 new pledges. All of the Sunday stewardship talks to date have been posted on the website. Honna and Maria are organizing a festive event to celebrate in-gathering on the Sunday we commemorate St. Martin, November 13. Beth and Neil will create a narrative budget to communicate with the congregation. Colette and Chris will lead the thank you team. Neil will attempt to recruit a member who has a young family to make the final stewardship talk.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS: Committee reports

· Social Justice and Outreach:

Kimo reported that the Matthew 25 committees are finalized as follows:

- o 2022: Walter Stone and Ann Cassidy-Stone, Bob Polkinghorn, Kimo Kimokeo
- o 2023: Maria Acuna-Feldman, Diana Glick, Kimo Kimokeo

· Building and Grounds:

A motion (Maria) to accept the tree maintenance bid from Monticello Tree Service was seconded (Beth) and passed unanimously.

· Care for God's Creation:

A motion (Neil) to send out the letter provided in the vestry packet to the congregation about the Teichert Open Pit mine near Woodland was seconded (Chris) and passed unanimously. Neil will seek advice from Lisa Leigh on formulating a policy for handling such letters in future.

IX. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Neil) to approve the consent agenda was seconded (Maria) and passed unanimously.

Margaret closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.