

The Episcopal Church
of St. Martin, Davis
Vestry Minutes - EC
September 19, 2022,
4:30-7:30pm via
Zoom

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

Grayden (Deacon)

Neil called the

meeting to order at

4:33pm

I. Opening Prayer

Pamela opened with prayer

II. SPIRITUAL PRACTICE: *Church Cracked Open*, Epilogue

Pamela led the vestry in a consideration of the Epilogue (Conclusion) of
Spellman's *Church Cracked Open*, beginning with a clip from Bishop
Curry's video from last week's Sacred Ground discussion. Vestry
members talked about things they had learned from the book.

III. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Draft Agenda

A motion (Beth, seconded by Neil) to approve the draft agenda passed unanimously.

IV. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the August 2022 draft vestry meeting minutes

Some details in the minutes provoked discussion. *A motion (Ann) to edit
those details outside the meeting and table approval until the October
meeting was seconded (Neil) and passed unanimously.*

V. DISCUSSION: Stewardship 2022

Pamela introduced the "More than Enough" program for organizing the
annual stewardship campaign. She solicited volunteers and suggestions
for volunteers to run the campaign. She urged vestry members to contact
her in the coming week to help develop the stewardship committee.

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS: Committee Reports

- Social Justice and Outreach

Kimo reported the membership of the Matthew 25 2022 committee is now finalized: Bob Polkinghorn, Kimo Kimokeo, Walter and Ann Stone, and Jordan Roberts. The membership of the Matthew 25 2023 committee is still in process. *A motion (Kimo) to approve solicitation of donations for the Thanksgiving Project was seconded (Diane) and passed unanimously.*

- Building and Grounds

Repairs to concrete work are now estimated to be higher than the \$5000 originally allocated in the maintenance budget. Action to approve the total amount will be taken on this item once a firm estimate has been received.

- Budget and Finance

Julie led the vestry through a quick review of this month's financial reports, emphasizing that pledge income is still below the budgeted amount. Neil and Pamela reported that the onboarding of Chazin as our new accountants is very encouraging; they have clearly worked with churches before. Chazin's contract increases the expenses for the last quarter of 2022 and for at least the first three quarters of 2023 and this is just one example of why the Stewardship campaign will need to raise more funds for 2023 than in 2022.

VII. DISCUSSION: Vestry Recruitment

Neil explained that the members going off the vestry (Maria, Beth, Julie, Ann) will form the committee to recruit new vestry members for 2023. The vestry will provide guidance to this committee to ensure the composition of the vestry is balanced in terms of gender, ethnicity, age, occupation, etc. These guidelines may be honed at the upcoming vestry retreat.

VIII. DISCUSSION: Senior Wardens' Report

Neil and Kimo yielded their time for the Senior Warden's report to Ann, who had sent an email a few days earlier requesting that vestry members take time to discuss what actions the congregation might undertake to support the 80th Episcopal General Convention Resolutions on Environment and Creation Care. Specifically, six parishioners who are members of the Yolo Land and Water Defense group hoped the vestry might authorize them to distribute information about opposition to a large new open pit mine on 325 acres of farmland that they assert was approved without a proper environmental impact report.

After hearing a description of the importance of the Resolutions and the merits of the opposition to the mine, the vestry discussed under what conditions it would feel comfortable using church communication channels to distribute information on projects by relevant outside groups and how requests for donations might be presented in that information, if at all. After a lengthy discussion, a sub-group (Ann, Beth, Neil) was appointed to explore

- whether a revised memo/letter to the congregation relating to the General Convention Resolution and the Yolo Land and Water Defense request could be formulated that addressed vestry concerns and, if so,
- to prepare such documents.

IX. DISCUSSION: Rector's Report

The vestry agreed to roll the rector's report into the consent agenda without further discussion.

X. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Beth) to approve the consent agenda was seconded (Neil) and approved unanimously.

Margaret closed the meeting in prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.