

Episcopal Church of St. Martin, Davis
Vestry Meeting Minutes
January 30, 2023, 7:10-8:10 pm in person

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), Jessie Ann Owens (nominee for treasurer)

I. SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Pamela led the vestry in prayer.

II. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Draft Agenda

A motion to approve the draft agenda (Beth) was seconded (Chris) and passed unanimously.

III. DISCUSSION: Year End Accounting Tasks

Jessie Ann Owens, nominee for treasurer, reported that a recent review of the accounts discovered that two restricted gifts totalling \$30,000 in 2022 had been recorded as unrestricted gifts. The bottom line for the 2022 budget is therefore not a \$16,000 surplus, but rather a deficit of \$34,913 that has been covered by reserves and the checking account. This deficit is significantly less than the \$56,523 deficit approved for the 2022 budget, but still disappointing given much lower personnel costs in 2022. At its last meeting, the vestry approved a 2023 budget with a \$40,000+ deficit and the vestry talked about the need to avoid another deficit in 2024 in order to build rather than exhaust reserves in the future.

IV. ACTION ITEM: Rise Against Hunger proposal from SJO

Pamela led the vestry in a discussion of the RAH request to host a participatory food packaging event in the parish hall for approximately two hours on Sunday afternoon, April 23. Host organizations are required to make a donation to RAH scaled to the number of meals that are packaged. The vestry suggested SJO consider hosting the event in early May, rather than two weeks after Easter. *A motion (Maria) to approve the hosting of the RAH event at St. Martin's and to use the Easter offering to fund the necessary donation in whole or in part was seconded (Diane) and passed unanimously.*

V. REMINDERS:

Pamela reminded the vestry of a series of upcoming vestry meetings/events:

- The Vestry will convene briefly in the library after the Annual Meeting adjourns on Sunday, Feb. 5 to introduce new members and vote on officers.
- The Vestry Retreat is Feb 10-12 at St. Dorothy's Rest Retreat Center.
- The Vestry needs to convene a short meeting near the end of February to write a section of the Parochial Report and review and approve it before its due date of March 1. Tentative date: Monday, February 27 at 7 pm.

VI. AD HOC ACTION ITEM: Authorization of non-vestry members to count money
A motion (Chris) to authorize duly trained former vestry members to continue counting church collection was seconded (Beth) and passed unanimously.

VII. COMMENDATION

Pamela led the discussion in a fond farewell and thanks to departing vestry members: Maria, Ann, and Julie.

Margaret closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Anthony Amato
Anthony Amato (Vestry Clerk)

3/1/2023
Date