

Episcopal Church of St. Martin, Davis
Vestry Meeting Minutes
30 October 2023
7:07-9:16 PM, Parish Library

Present: Anthony Amato (Clerk), Beth Capell (Jr. Warden), Colette Chabbott, Rev. Pamela Dolan (Rector), Ben Eustis-Guthrie, Kimo Kimokeo (Co-Sr. Warden), David Martin, Chris Reynolds, Honna Steissberg, Neil Willits (Co-Sr. Warden), and Tom Young

Guests: Ven. Margaret Grayden and Jessie Ann Owens (Treasurer)

Absent: Diane Bamforth, Susan Stone

Vote to Approve Agenda for 30 October

A motion to approve today's agenda as amended to include a discussion about when the next Vestry meeting will be held was introduced (Anthony), seconded (Beth), and passed unanimously.

Opening Prayer & Spiritual Practice

Rev. Pamela led the Vestry in an evening prayer adapted from *The Rhythm of Life: Celtic Daily Prayer*, by David Adam. Vestry members prayed that we each may be open and responsive to God's love, meanwhile acknowledging our sacred role as stewards for all of creation.

Vote to Approve Two Sets of Minutes

A motion to approve the Vestry meeting minutes for 2 October 2023 was introduced (Chris), seconded (Ben), and passed unanimously with one abstention.

A motion to approve minutes from a special Vestry meeting held over Zoom on 14 September 2023 was introduced (Chris), seconded (Ben), and passed unanimously with two abstentions.

Discussion About Meeting with SJ&O

The Vestry took time to discuss the meeting held on 22 October 2023 between members of the Vestry and members of Social Justice & Outreach. The Vestry was ultimately very thankful to all those who attended the meeting, and expressed agreement that the meeting itself was constructive and much needed. We also reviewed SJ&O's letter to the Vestry and remarked on the respect and graceful tone of the response.

Treasurer's Report

The Vestry was notified that St. Martin's last day of working with Chazin is 26 November 2023. Stephen Lawrence will serve as a consultant on accounting matters; with the assistance of diocesan treasurer John Nykamp, he will propose changes to our financial reporting effective fiscal year 2024; the changes will be reviewed by Budget and Finance and the Vestry. Following

a review of this month's YTD financials, members of the Vestry also took time to look over the treasurer's Recommendation for Financial Transparency. A brief discussion followed.

ACTION ITEM: Vote to Accept Recommendation for Financial Transparency

A motion to accept the treasurer's Recommendation for Financial Transparency was introduced (Neil), seconded (Chris), and passed unanimously.

Rector's Report

The Vestry was informed of some exciting developments having to do with our status as a carbon-neutral parish. Namely, there is the possibility that St. Martin's will be featured in a film being shown at COP28 (UN Climate Change Conference) in Dubai. Rev. Pamela also discussed her meeting with the missional director of STEAC about the fact that they need some more space on our campus, and also about how both STEAC and the Church of St. Martin can strengthen their overall relationship.

Review of Parish Committees

Rev. Pamela provided a comprehensive overview of the current committee structure of our parish, enabling members of the Vestry to gain clarity about the current structure. The overview also helped to emphasize the need for an updated committee structure that promotes freer and more direct communication between the Vestry and individual parish committees.

Buildings & Grounds Update

The Vestry reviewed Buildings & Grounds' report for the month of October. Beth called everyone's attention to Nzilani's proposal to remove the test panel of glass from the upper window on 17 January 2024. There will be scaffolding in the church for approximately 2 months, and we also need a bid to set up the safety harnesses.

Gabe Avila has ordered the materials needed for the improvements to the Parish Hall.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion to accept the consent agenda items was introduced (Beth), seconded (Anthony), and passed unanimously.

Discussion Concerning Upcoming Vestry Meeting

The tentative date for the "November" Vestry meeting is Monday, December 4th at 7:00 pm.

Closing Prayer

Deacon Margaret led the Vestry in a closing prayer.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:16.

Anthony G Amato
Vestry Clerk

10/31/23
Date