

Episcopal Church of St. Martin, Davis
Vestry Meeting Minutes
14 September 2023
4:04-4:32 PM, on Zoom

Present: Anthony Amato (Clerk), Diane Bamforth, Beth Capell (Jr. Warden), Ben Eustis-Guthrie, Kimo Kimokeo (Co-Sr. Warden), David Martin, Honna Steissberg, Susan Stone, and Neil Willits (Co-Sr. Warden)

Guest(s): Rev. Deborah Hawkins,

Absent: Colette Chabbott, Chris Reynolds, Tom Young

Approval of Draft Agenda

Passed unanimously.

Items related to Social Justice and Outreach

- **Vestry representative for grant review committee.** There were no immediate volunteers to serve on the committee. Neil said he was willing to serve on the committee for the 2023 grant cycle, and for the Christmas special offering. These committees will also require one or more Parish “at large” members, and a request will be made for volunteers from the Parish.
- **Vestry priorities for 2023 cycle.** The priorities that had been discussed in previous meetings were Food Insecurity, Homelessness and Immigrant resettlement. After a discussion, Climate Change was added to this list and then this recommendation was passed unanimously.
- **Funding available for 2023 grant cycle.** The funding will be equal to the \$24,050 that was included in the operations budget, plus the money that comes from the Linda Frost Fund, which currently depends on quarterly dividends. This latter amount isn’t final yet, since the third quarter fund summary is not yet available. It has been estimated based on the dividends through the second quarter, and the figure will be provided to Bob Polkinghorn.
- **Thanksgiving basket logistics.** The vestry unanimously approved a motion to allow SJ&O to solicit funds for the Thanksgiving Basket program. Bob Polkinghorn had also requested that SJ&O be allowed to use the church credit card to purchase gift cards for the amount that is raised. In past years, Gabe Avila (Church Operations Director) has used the credit card to purchase those gift cards, rather than allowing SJ&O to use the card. This achieves the same end.
- **Additional requests.** Bob also raised a series of questions about the planning for SJ&O’s activities in 2024 and beyond. Responding to those requests will require conversations with SJ&O, and a better-attended meeting of the Vestry. The planning for those steps will proceed.

Senior Warden’s report

- **Letter from the Center at St. Matthews** The Center at St. Matthews is a center for outreach ministry at St. Matthew’s, Sacramento, and they are conducting a fundraising

effort in conjunction with the celebration of the congregation's 80th anniversary on September 17th. There is a matching grant associated with this fundraising, which nominally ends on the anniversary. That deadline is too soon for us to plan a donation, but their request letter will be forwarded to Social Justice and Outreach to be considered in the 2023 grant cycle.

- There was a brief discussion of Vestry participation in the Forbes Ranch committee, which was established but not staffed. This is one of several areas in which particular areas of interest will be required within the Vestry in 2024 and beyond. It was pointed out that the choice of Vestry slate members for the next annual meeting will need to be selected with these needs in mind.

Closing Prayer

Neil led a prayer of thanksgiving for short meetings.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 4:32 PM.

Anthony G Amato
Vestry Clerk

9/15/23
Date