

Episcopal Church of St. Martin, Davis
Vestry Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2025
7:05 PM - 9:14 PM, Parish Library

Present: Diane Bamforth, Beth Capell (Jr. Warden), Rev. Pamela Dolan (Rector), Ben Eustis-Guthrie, Jim Jordan, Elise Keddle, Tony Miller, Susan Stone, Tom Young, Neil Willits (Sr. Warden)

Guests: Gabe Avila (Assistant Clerk), Jessie Ann Owens (Treasurer)

Absent: Ven. Margaret Grayden, Eric Jordan

1. Vote to Approve Agenda for January 20, 2025

- a. Neil introduced and Tom seconded a motion to approve the January 20, 2025, Vestry meeting agenda, with no amendments. This motion passed unanimously, with no abstentions.

2. Opening Prayer & Spiritual Practice

- a. The Rev. Pamela opened with an excerpt from a meditation by Valarie Kaur, followed by a discussion on what love would have you do today.

3. Vote to Approve Minutes for December 16, 2024

- a. Jim introduced and Tony seconded a motion to approve the December 16, 2024, meeting minutes with no amendments. This motion passed unanimously, with one abstention.

4. Treasurer's Report

a. Review of 2024 Results

- i. Jessie presented a preview of her report for the annual meeting. There was a deficit of about \$1500 instead of \$73k (the 73k expected deficit was from \$23k in expenses plus \$50k for capital improvements and fundraising consultants). Reduced expenditures, increased giving to pledge and plate, and change in accounting for major capital projects resulted in a much lower actual deficit. The report detailed fund balances and provided a breakdown of missional giving. Missional giving was nearly \$82k. Jessie also presented the total costs for the stained-glass window restoration over the whole 3-year project, totalling slightly over \$187k to date, and reviewed the 2025 budget.

b. ACTION ITEM: Vote to approve the amended 2025 Budget

- i. Neil introduced and Tony seconded a motion to approve the revised 2025 budget as presented in the January vestry packet, to replace the one approved at the December 16, 2024 meeting. This motion passed unanimously, with no abstentions.

5. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Vestry News & Review

- i. Reminder that Elise will write a January N&R about Rooted Good and thanking specific individuals. Tony will write a February N&R.
- b. Volunteer appreciation and recognition
 - i. None needed this time because there is still a need to roll out the ones recognized previously and there will be a specific call out of the individuals involved in the window restoration and parish hall move.

6. Rector's Report

- a. Annual Meeting reminder
 - i. January 26, 2025, with a Vestry meeting to follow. Will get new members onboard and vote on leadership.
- b. Talk about Vestry retreat
 - i. February 21-23. Mercy Center in Auburn. Gabe will need a head count and number of vegetarians ASAP. The cost per person is \$226. Check in is 4pm and check out is 11am. Breakfast is provided on Sunday, no lunch.

7. ACTION ITEM: Vote for slates to present at Annual Meeting

- a. Beth introduced and Elise seconded a motion to accept the Vestry slate consisting of Maria Acuna-Feldman, Stan Forbes, and Anthony Miller (filling the remainder of his term) for presentation at the Annual Meeting. This motion passed unanimously, with no abstentions.
- b. Beth motioned and Tom seconded that the Vestry delegate to the Executive Committee that, pending conversations Pamela has with additional interested parties, the executive committee will find a path forward for the additional vestry nominees.
- c. Neil moved and Elise seconded a motion to accept the Convention Delegate slate, consisting of Maria Acuna-Feldman, Francis David, James Hochbrueckner, Carole Hom, Janet Lane, and Dian Vorters for presentation at the Annual Meeting. This motion passed unanimously, with one abstention.

8. UPDATE: Rooted Good program/Capital Campaign Discernment Committee

- a. Elise gave an update on the Rooted Good program and described an on-site tour which the committee felt highlighted outdoor spaces. Work is being done to create interview questions for organizations that use St. Martin's space. She noted that the committee is focusing on three different things St. Martin's can focus a capital campaign on: housing, climate resilience, and supporting existing programs. Recommended the Vestry do a tour of the grounds.

9. Junior Warden's Report

- a. **UPDATE: Trash Enclosure**
 - i. Beth stated that the repair of the trash enclosure is nearly

complete.

- b. There are several unhoused individuals staying overnight on the grounds, resulting in significant extra work for Buildings and Grounds members.

10. Consent Agenda

- a. Beth introduced and Jim seconded a motion to accept the consent agenda items, consisting of the Buildings and Grounds Report and the quarterly report from the Director of Operations. This motion passed unanimously, with no abstentions.

11. Additional

- a. Pamela gave a short overview and details about the upcoming MMR.
- b. The Vestry thanked the outgoing Vestry members and Neil for his service as the Senior Warden.

12. Closing Prayer

- a. Pamela led the Vestry in a closing prayer.

MEETING ADJOURNED at **9:14 PM**.

Next meeting: January 26, 2024 after annual meeting

Upcoming dates of note:

Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 26, 2025 and VESTRY MEETING TO FOLLOW

Vestry Retreat: Friday, February 21 through Sunday, February 23, 2025

Mutual Ministry Review: Saturday, March 8, 10am to 2pm