

**St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry**  
**24 May 2023**

Present: Jeff Bates, Pam Brittain, Tom Brzeczek, Alice Burnham, Bill Cheney, Jane Ferguson, Diane Gustafson, Rev. Roger Haenke, Gregg King, Lynn Young  
Absent: Alex Valdez Beer

Rev. Roger Haenke called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. There were no guests. Appreciation was noted for the following: Jane Ferguson for her many contributions to St. John's; Alice Burnham for her efforts to start Sow and Grow with the ECS children; Tom Brzeczek for completing the Columbarium statue of St. John; Jeff Bates for his leadership of the postcard project. Rev. Roger Haenke noted the ceremony last Sunday that honored Rev. Cathey Dowdle with a statue of Mary of Bethany in the Meditation Garden.

Reflection and discussion followed.

Lynn Young moved, Alice Burnham seconded approval of the Consent Agenda (April minutes, Rector's Operational Report for April, Outreach Report for May) and the motion passed. There was no meeting of the Property Committee in April. Clarification was made that the Clerk would send draft minutes to Vestry shortly after the meeting. Proposed additions and corrections should be sent to the Clerk who will incorporate them into the minutes for approval at the next meeting.

Gregg King gave the Treasurer's report. Financial statements are included with the minutes in the Vestry binder in the Church Office. The maintenance reserve has been increased to \$38,000.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Jane Ferguson reported on plans for the celebration of Cheryl Seppala's fifty years at St. John's. The event will be held on Sunday, September 17 starting at 3 p.m. and will include an organ recital and reception. A donation has been received to help with the costs.

*La Misa* in English was held on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Estacion de Pascua was attended by 17 parishioners and 5 non-parishioners.

Jeff Bates gave an update on the Every Door Direct Mail project. The final 3000 postcards will go out tomorrow. There have been six responses so far, including three people who attended a service. Lynn Young moved, Alice Burnham seconded to target zip codes 91915 and completion of 91913, using what remains in the memorial fund (\$8500), and the motion passed unanimously. At a later date when the success of the project has been evaluated, the Vestry will revisit finishing 91910 and 91911.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Rev. Roger Haenke proposed two workshops on spiritual gift assessment and migration (the Diocese has declared June to be Migration Ministry Month). Rev. Roger is in talks with Robert Vivar, Migration Missioner, about a presentation.

Rev. Roger will work with Sally Elliott and Gregg King to formulate a payment plan for Columbarium niches should multiple payments be requested. Ray Contreras or Chelsey Nyaradi will be asked to review it before it could become an addendum to the contract.

Pam Brittain gave the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Diane Gustafson, Clerk of Vestry