

**St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry
18 December 2024 via Zoom**

Present: Jeff Bates, Pamela Brittain, Alice Burnham, Bill Cheney, David Dennehy, Bob Dunn (Treasurer), Diane Gustafson, Roger Haenke, Helena Livingston, Lynn Young

Absent: Alejandra Valdez-Beer

Rev. Roger Haenke called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The following appreciations were noted: to the MOSJ for hosting the Christmas dinner; to Pamela Brittain, Jeff Bates, Jane Ferguson, and Cheryl Seppala for the music; to Parish Secretary Maria Love for all that she does; to the ladies who assisted Helena Livingston on the Sunday that she was in great pain; to the acolytes who come early to set up for the services and who function as the Altar Guild.

David Dennehy moved, Jeff Bates seconded approval of the Consent Agenda with one correction to the November minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Dunn presented the Treasurer's report. There had been four months when there wasn't enough to put \$2000/month into the Property Maintenance Fund. Given the present \$31,000 operating balance, \$12,000 (for those four months plus November and December) has been added to that fund.

Terry Farrelly had asked the Diocese about the procedure should a parishioner wish to donate stock to St. John's. Forms with "St. John's" have been prepared for this. The stock goes to the Diocese for sale, and then the proceeds come to St. John's.

OLD BUSINESS

The Capital Campaign has reached \$157,111. The Finance Committee elected to move \$100,000 into the Endowment Fund for a better interest rate.

There was nothing to report for either the Young Adult Gathering or the El Camino Memorial Burial Plots.

The Scholarship Committee has not met. Bill Cheney has researched and found that the scholarship award funds should be transferred from the Endowment to St. John's. A check cannot be generated to an individual from the Endowment.

Pledges for the Stewardship Campaign have reached \$122,004 of the goal of \$128,000.

The plan for shared space with the First Unitarian Universalist Church is moving forward. Rev. Roger Haenke, Jeff Bates, and Bob Dunn have met with the FUU leadership to work on the agreement. Rev. Haenke will take the first draft to the Diocese. Questions have arisen on the sharing of the Nale Hall closet. The Vestry decided that the Leadership team plus David Dennehy will work on that.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2025 budget recommended by the Finance Committee was presented. Highlights include Rev. Roger Haenke's becoming full-time as of January 1, salary increase of 4% to staff, and FUU beginning to share our space on July 1. Bob Dunn noted that the Vestry told the Finance Committee to use up to 5% from the Endowment; \$20,000 (2.3%) was used.

Lynn Young moved, Helena Livingston seconded to approve the 2025 budget, and the motion passed unanimously. The budget will be taken to the Annual Meeting.

Rev. Roger Haenke suggested a champagne reception following the Christmas Eve service, and this met with consensus.

Pamela Brittain, Alice Burnham, and Diane Gustafson have fulfilled their terms on Vestry. The nominees so far are Bill Gustafson, Iris Atkins, and Bob Dunn. The newsletter will continue to ask for interested individuals to nominate themselves.

Tom Brzeczek has resigned from Vestry and moved to Costa Rica. Diane Gustafson moved, Pamela Brittain seconded to remove Tom from the list of authorized check signers. The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming events include the Annual Meeting on January 26 after the service, next Vestry meeting on February 23 after the service, and the Super Bowl Soup/Chili Sale on February 9 after the service.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Gustafson, Clerk of Vestry