

**St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry**  
**21 July 2024**

Present: Jeff Bates, Pamela Brittain, Bill Cheney, David Dennehy, Bob Dunn - Treasurer, Diane Gustafson, Rev. Roger Haenke, Lynn Young and Alejandra Valdez-Beer (on Zoom)

Absent: Tom Brzeczek, Alice Burnham

Guest: Terry Farrelly

Rev. Roger Haenke called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m.

Appreciation was noted for the following: Rev. Susanna DesMarais for her sermon this morning; the Choir and Cheryl Seppala for beautiful music all year long; and for health and well-being for Pamela Brittain

David Dennehy moved, Pamela Brittain seconded approval of the Consent Agenda, and the motion passed unanimously.

Bob Dunn presented the financial report. Revenues in June were less than budgeted; everything else was favorable. \$2000 was deposited into Property Maintenance because the net income balance this month was greater than \$2000.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Capital Campaign has \$142,371, which is 28% of goal.

There was no report for the Young Adult Gathering – Emerging Community.

The decision on the percent of Endowment proceeds deposited to principle will be made on the recommendation of the Finance Committee later this year.

David Mount, brother-in-law of Mike Vasquez, donated to St. John's with no restrictions five burial plots in Labor Rest Gardens within El Camino Memorial Park (Sorrento Mesa area of San Diego). Jeff Bates and Rev. Roger Haenke signed for the titles which had to be exchanged for interment rights (Deed 11853 PN 6413 Lots 233, Spaces B, C, D, E, and F). Jeff Bates moved, David Dennehy seconded to approve Resolution 2024.0721.01 and it passed unanimously.

**Resolution 2024.0721.01**

St. John's Episcopal Church, Chula Vista, was named as beneficiary of the 5 burial plots, location Labor Rest Gardens within El Camino Memorial Park. After considerable consultation and discussion, the decision was made to transfer/sell the burial plots.

**Resolved,**

The Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church has agreed to transfer/sell the burial plots. The proceeds will be deposited for the parish.

The Vestry has approved that Rev. Roger Haenke, Rector/President, has the authority to sign the transaction documents regarding the transfer and sale of the burial plots.

The recognition of Rev. Michael Kaehr will be held on Sunday, October 20. At present the Planning Committee consists of Cheryl Seppala, Jane Ferguson, and Rev. Roger Haenke.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Bates moved, Diane Gustafson seconded to create a Rev. Michael Kaehr honorary scholarship, an annual prize to be funded from the Endowment. The motion passed unanimously. The Finance Committee will recommend an amount for the scholarship. The Committee to formulate procedures and criteria for applications will consist of Lynn Young, Bill Cheney, and Diane Gustafson.

Debbie Lothspeich has entered the beginning stages of Discerner for Diaconal Ordination. Alejandra Valdez-Ber moved, David Dennehy seconded approval for Debbie to proceed. All Vestry members present signed a document to that effect.

At the August meeting, the Vestry will consider allowing a 16-18 year old to serve in a non-voting role, as permitted by the Canons of the Church.

The next meeting will be on August 25, at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Gustafson, Clerk of Vestry