



# St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Davidson, NC

## MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING ON JANUARY 10, 2022

### ATTENDANCE

<i>Vestry Members in Attendance</i>	<i>Also in Attendance</i>
Dave Pylipow, Senior Warden	<i>Clergy</i>
Alf Badgett, Junior Warden	Rev. Carmen Germino <i>Rector</i>
Bob Beckham	Rev. Kevin Lloyd <i>Assoc. Rector &amp; Davidson College Episcopal Campus Minister</i>
Jean Bonnyman	
Tom Fischer	
Greg Knudson	
Jenny Meyers	Richard Colven, Guest
Jennifer Nelson Loher	Allison Kratt, Vestry Nominee
Alex Slawson	Mike Sass, Vestry Nominee
Joseph Torok	<i>Unable to Attend</i>
Danny Wiles	Stephanie Amadio
	Leslie Urban, Treasurer

### CALL TO ORDER

Rev. Germino called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

### PRAYER/REFLECTION

Rev. Germino began the in-person meeting with Evening Prayer II. Alf Badgett read from scripture, John 1:1-18.



Rev. Germino noted that, John “unfolds” the mystery of the incarnation, analogous to a love letter made to be opened and enjoyed, then carefully stowed in order to later reopen and re-examine. The message was presented in the Christmas season and it is revisited in Epiphany as we reflect on what it means to have a Savior with us.

Alex Slawson read the goals of the Vestry:

As the vestry of St. Alban’s, we...

- ...pray for each other and our church
- ...participate fully
- ...commit to being a learning community
- ...welcome a variety of opinions
- ...notice and share the joy of this community
- ...are open to change and the work of the Holy Spirit
- ...do business to further our purpose (mission and ministry)
- ...are in an ongoing state of discernment
- ...take faithful risks when appropriate
- ...collaborate to avoid ministry silos and empower the various ministries we support
- ...communicate thoroughly
- ...support our church staff and clergy
- ...gather informally to strengthen our relationships

As we do these, we will serve as role models of faith and service.

### INFORMATION

- + January 22, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. is the tentative date and time for Valerie Colbert to be ordained as a deacon, here at St. Alban’s. However it is likely to be postponed due to Covid protocols.
- + The Annual Parish Meeting will be held Sunday, January 30, 2022.

### DISCUSSION

#### MINUTES

The minutes of the December 13, 2021 meeting of the vestry were submitted for review and were approved, as amended, by unanimous consent. Tom Fischer motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Jenny Myers.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

+ Danny Wiles, on behalf of Leslie Urban, mentioned that St. Alban's has done very well this past month and for the overall year. The most positive item is non-pledge offerings. St. Alban's financial position remains very strong.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

+ Danny Wiles explained that the 2022 budget has been adjusted to reflect more favorable pledge offerings.

+ A more accurate version will be provided at the end of January 2022.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion #1  
by Dave Pylipow

The vestry approves proceeding with a general fundraising campaign to raise a minimum of \$1,200,000 net of expenses using an external consultant to be selected, and also approve further exploration of design and architectural consultants by the Parish Hall Committee.

Seconded  
by Alf Badgett

Motion #1: Unanimously passed.

## CLERGY UPDATES

### Updates from Rev. Germino

+ Rev. Germino provided a synopsis of the Christmas services, noting that approximately 200 people attended a quite popular outdoor service, and approximately 250 attendees were distributed across the remainder of indoor services.

+ While encouraged to limit in-person, indoor worship, numerous parishes safely continue in-person services. St. Alban's clergy is in weekly consultation with the bishops regarding safety measures.

+ The 8:00 A.M. in-person worship will continue, because of attendance trends and because this service does not feature a choir and singing.

+ Although St. Alban's will continue to stream services, we do not intend to have an extensive period of online-only worship. Starting January 23, in-person services will become available. We will continue to make wise and faithful decisions, regarding service offerings.



### Updates from Rev. Lloyd

- + Rev. Lloyd noted that both the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services were incredibly special, this year. It left all participants energized to be together celebrating Christmas.
- + Davidson College delayed the start of the semester to assess the Omicron surge. Classes which were scheduled to begin on January 20<sup>th</sup> are rescheduled to start virtually on the 24<sup>th</sup> and become in-person on the 31<sup>st</sup>.
- + Students begin arriving on the January 28<sup>th</sup>. On January 31<sup>st</sup> there will be on-campus service, ecumenical bible study.
- + If any parishioners have an interest in providing a meal to Davidson College students, please encourage them to sign-up for planning.
- + Rev. Lloyd continues to offer morning prayer on Zoom, Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:00 A.M. Tuesday afternoon's Centering Prayer is offered at 4:30 P.M. Links are available on the St. Alban's website.

### WARDEN UPDATES

#### Updates from Dave Pylipow

- + Congratulations to Rev. Germino, Rev. Lloyd, John and the Choir, and all others who's efforts led to a well-done, uplifting Carmen, Kevin, John Bailey and the choir, and others. The services were incredibly well-done, very uplifting. This week, Matt Presson did an incredible job with the music, as well.
- + Please check the vestryperson of the day (VPoD) sign-up lists for services and volunteer where possible.

#### Updates from Alf Badgett

- + Our outdoor tent is damaged and needs a new bracket.
- + Our water heater permit application was denied because the inspector claims it serves a commercial kitchen. Alf Badgett is engaged in discussion with the permitting agency regarding the disposition and next steps.

### LIAISON UPDATES

- + The Outreach Committee decided not to have a blanket drive this season. However, there does seem to be interest in having a bowl-themed activity in the near future which Allison Kratt will be assisting to plan.
- + Jean Bonnyman said that the youth met Wednesday night with encouragement for Courtney Fawcett. The youth had a good year, grateful for new people and renewed enthusiasm, and seeks to continue this momentum. w people and enthusiasm.



- + Sunday School is paused, but the intention is to resume when possible.

### GOALS UPDATES

Rev. Germino briefly reminded the vestry of the following goals:

- + A renewal of evangelism
- + A home for fellowship
- + A community for our youth

### CLOSING

Rev. Lloyd and Rev. Germino closed the meeting with Evening Prayer.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 31, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Torok  
Clerk of the Vestry