



St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Davidson, NC

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING ON OCTOBER 17, 2022

ATTENDANCE

<i>Vestry Members in Attendance</i>	<i>Also in Attendance</i>
Alex Slawson, Senior Warden	<i>Clergy</i>
Jean Bonnyman, Junior Warden	Rev. Carmen Germino
Bob Beckham	<i>Rector</i>
Tom Fischer	Rev. Kevin Lloyd
Greg Knudson	<i>Assoc. Rector @ Davidson</i>
Mike Sass	<i>College Episcopal Campus</i>
Alex Slawson	<i>Minister</i>
Joseph Torok	 <i>Unable to Attend</i>
Allison Kratt	Cheryl Nealy
Jenny Myers	Leslie Urban, Treasurer
Jennifer Nelson Loher	Danny Wiles

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRAYER/REFLECTION

Rev. Lloyd began the in-person meeting with Evening Prayer. Mike Sass read from scripture.



Oct 17 is the feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch, one of the earliest bishops of the Church. As we have a bishop visiting soon, we reflect that our tradition honors apostolic succession. We are called to be Christians.

Jean Bonnyman 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

- + October 2, 2022 : Blessing of the Animals
- + October 15, 2022: Oktoberfest
- + October 16, 2022: Stewardship In-Gathering Sunday
- + October 23, 2022: Bishop's Visit



DISCUSSION

MINUTES

The minutes of the September 12, 2022 meeting of the vestry were submitted for review and were approved, as amended, by unanimous consent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

+ On behalf of Leslie Urban, Treasurer, Alex Slawson shared that pledges are slightly below, but Bob Beckam notes that this may be balanced by pledges from the most recent Sunday's mass.

BISHOP'S VISIT

+ Rev. Lloyd notes that 11 youth and many adults will be confirmed or received. Part of the Bishop's time will be spent with the vestry. Mass will end at approximately 11:45 a.m., a reception will occur, followed by lunch from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

+ Alex Slawson assessed the completion of Safe Church Training by vestry members. Almost all vestry members have completed the training to-date and arrangements are being made to facilitate completion by all.

CLERGY UPDATES

Updates from Rev. Germino

+ Oktoberfest was a beautiful event. The decorations and live music was excellent. Children may have outnumbered adults. The Buckner family and the entire team from this year was enthusiastically looking forward to next year. Additionally, Joseph Torok commented that: kids enjoyed the inflatables and hay attractions; family and friends raved about the sausage and pretzel truck, including the vegan sausages; and the craft beverages were superb.

+ Rev. Germino went to Sewanee for a Board of Trustees meeting as she serves a three year term as a trustee. Then, she traveled to Arizona for a final Thiving in Ministry retreat, founded by the Lilly foundation, for women in ministry.

Updates from Rev. Lloyd

+ Rev. Lloyd notes that ministry is going well on the Davidson College campus. Over thirty students are interested in the Taisé, France pilgrimage, but only 20 can attend via the application



process. Today, there was a monthly religious and spiritual life council involving chaplains, ministers, and students. The new college President spent time with them, and shared his personal experience going to Taisé as a student. The council does a wonderful job creating an interfaith, ecumenical respect.

✦ The Confirmation group met six times, and participants were actively engaged in good conversations concerning a life of faith, Church, and scripture. The meetings encouraged them and provided an opportunity to make an informed decision.

✦ On Sunday evenings, dinners were held. The Kundsons provided lasagna and the students loved it. Rev. Lloyd gave special thanks to those who helped.

WARDEN UPDATES

Alex Slawson, Senior Warden

✦ Additional thanks to volunteers who pitched-in at Oktoberfest. It was a resounding success.

✦ Vestryperson of the Day (VpoD) openings are available for November.

Jean Bonnyman, Junior Warden

✦ Alf Badgett and Mike Stenhouse were excited to help with lighting and plumbing.

✦ On November 5, 2022, the Saturday before All Saints' Day, there may be a workday for the Kindergarten November 5

LIAISON UPDATES

✦ Jenny Myers, Preschool Liaison: The Preschool Board Meeting held Wednesday at 7:00 P.M., highlighted increasing enrollment, an improving program, and financial stability. Activities are advancing faith development, service projects, and fun. In November, there will be a more thorough discussion and action items are anticipated.

✦ Cheryl Nealy, Outreach Liaison: No additional updates.

✦ Jennifer Loher, Children's Ministry Liaison: There are currently fourteen children who have dedicated themselves to the Children's Choir. We are grateful to the children and their families.

✦ Mike Sass, Youth Ministry Liaison: No additional updates.

✦ Greg Knudson, Ministry of Fun Liaison: The Ministry of Fun is kicking off Supper Clubs – groups of eight people – a couple times this quarter. Sixty people signed up to date. Jan Wiley has contributed wonderfully baked bread to the events. Ginger Knudson mailed seventy people for the



newcomer's party at Co-Chair Diane Hamilton's home November 6, 2022. Members of the committee will be involved. Additionally, flowers are being given to those who sign-in on the newcomer's book, in order to remember St. Alban's. On November 7, 2022, the Men's Group will be meeting at church with a special speaker, and a new Women's Group will be kicking off soon.

✦ Bob Beckham, St. Alban's Anti-Racism Team Liaison (StAART): Minutes provided to Bob by Laurie Harrison, Chair, indicate that the StAART team is progressing. The last meeting consisted of a book study conversation. The next StAART meeting is October 30, 2022.

✦ Allison Kratt, Stewardship Liaison: The best available data is six days old, but indicates a total of eighty-nine pledges. Ninety-six outstanding members who pledged last year have not pledged this year, yet. Eleven pledges are new. The Jacobs family is chairing and hoping for better numbers as a result of Oktoberfest. Allison notes they are making more headway, but expenses, per Rev. Germino, will be up for 2023. Erin Garrett will run the list of those who have not yet pledged.

✦ Tom Fischer, Welcome Ministry Liaison: The Welcome Ministry has blessed us with new faces. However, please prepare to connect with some of our longtime parishioners, who haven't been comfortable coming in-person, and ask whether they are joining online.

✦ Danny Wiles, Finance Committee Liaison: No additional updates.

MISCELLANEOUS

✦ Bob Beckham provided special acknowledgment that Dan Mahoney has stepped-up as crucifier at Sunday services.

CLOSING

Rev. Lloyd closed the meeting with Evening Prayer.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Torok