



St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Davidson, NC

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING ON MARCH 9, 2020

ATTENDANCE

<i>Vestry Members in Attendance</i>	<i>Also in Attendance</i>
Kelly Ross, Senior Warden	<i>Clergy</i>
Alf Badgett, Junior Warden	Rev. Carmen Germino
Stephanie Amadio	<i>Rector</i>
Greg Knudson	<i>Others</i>
Jenny Myers	Richard Colven
Mary Kennedy	James Wally
Martin McCoy ⁺	Danny Wiles
Alex Slawson ¹⁺	<i>Parish Hall Committee</i>
	Leslie Urban
	<i>Treasurer</i>
	<i>Unable to Attend</i>
	Joanna Clausen
	Bob Beckham
	Mike Kingsley
	Skip Notte
	Rev. Kevin Lloyd
	<i>Assoc. Rector & Davidson</i>
	<i>College Episcopal Campus Minister</i>

¹ + Indicates member who joined by videoconference.



CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m., Reverend Germino CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. A QUORUM was present.

EVENING PRAYER

Rev. Germino led the vestry in Evening Prayer.

INFORMATION

MINUTES

At Rev. Germino's invitation, Bob Beckham MOVED to approve the minutes of the meeting on February 10, 2020. Alf Badgett SECONDED the motion, and it CARRIED unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements beyond the date reminders and VPOD updates.

DATE REMINDERS

Rev. Germino and Kelly Ross provided a review of upcoming events including:

- ✦ MARCH 15 — Bishop Sam Rodman will be visiting St. Alban's, baptism, and adult confirmations will occur during Sunday services. Following services, Rise Against Hunger will be packing meals (with neighbors from Gethsemane Baptist Church) at 1:00 p.m. The Vestry is invited to meet with Bishop Rodman at 9:15 a.m. on that morning, to join while he meets with confirmands in the Nave.²

PARISH HALL DISCUSSION

Kelly Ross MOVED to enter into executive session, Alf Badgett SECONDED, and the motion CARRIED unanimously. *Executive session was commenced.*

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² By the time of preparation of these minutes, Bishop Rodman's (and all other public worship services) have been postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak and resultant governmental orders.



Executive session was concluded.

Mary Kennedy MOVED to authorize the initial phase of the capital campaign. Alf Badgett SECONDED. Kelly Ross spoke to clarify the scope of the motion and authority sought, and the coordination of those efforts with other processes of the Parish Hall Committee. The Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Members of the Parish Hall Committee — Richard Colven, James Wally, and Danny Wiles — adjourned from the meeting.

VPOD REMINDERS

Vestry members were reminded of upcoming availability for upcoming services, in particular for Ash Wednesday and Holy Week services. Signups are available on the Signup Genius site.

DISCUSSION

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial reports were circulated prior to the meeting. Leslie Urban noted that pledge offerings were under-budget for the month, only because a major gift early in a previous year skewed the monthly running averages. Custodian expenses are above budget for the month, but is anticipated to normalize by the end of March.

Stephanie Amadio asked about whether the church is invested in securities. Leslie Urban responded that the church is invested in a Vanguard mutual fund, but not in individual securities.

GOALS UPDATES

The vestry discussed the three annual priorities of the church:

+ Priority #1: A Home for Fellowship.

This subject was discussed extensively during the executive session and was not revisited at this time.

+ Priority #2: A Community for our Youth



Updated will be reserved for the April meeting.

+ Priority #3: Renewal of Evangelism.

Greg Knudson made a presentation on the first meeting of the evangelism committee. One early goal is a video montage of activities at St. Alban's. Second, the committee discussed additional participation in town and social events (such as Oktoberfest, the Town Christmas Parade, summer movie nights). Third, the committee considered a dedicated Sunday where parish-members would particularly encouraged to invite guests from outside the current church community. Fourth, the committee discussed having visitor's cards available in the Nave during services.

CLERGY UPDATES

- + Rev. Germino noted that Rev. Lloyd has returned from the Taize trip, and discussions are being had about a forum presentation to the parish by Rev. Lloyd and others about the Taize trip.
- + Rev. Germino also updated the clergy on her trip to Mexico — the second trip of four funded by the Thriving in Ministry grant awarded her by the Lilly Foundation. The TIM grant is geared toward women in senior ministry positions across the South. Two speakers at this past week's conference were geared on a focused "mission" for churches. One of the grant administrators from Millsaps College will be visiting next month to provide three hours of leadership training for the Vestry – as a condition of the grant – which Kelly Ross and Alf Badgett will attend on behalf of the vestry. The two remaining trips are to Atlanta (May) and Germany (October).
- + Rev. Germino discussed the church's preparedness and response to COVID-19, highlighting the message that was transmitted to the parish in the weekly newsletter. Additional safeguards will be guided by the diocesan leadership and discussions among the clergy and vestry.
- + Rev. Germino reminded the vestry of Rev. Lloyd's update on Liam Barr's discernment process and the unanimous approval of the St. Alban's Discernment Committee that St. Alban's sponsor his pursuit of ministry. Kelly Ross so MOVED, Mary Kennedy SECONDED, and the motion CARRIED unanimously.

WARDEN UPDATES

Junior Warden Alf Badgett made the following reports:



- ✦ Alf Badgett reported on the recent landscaping around the front circle. Rev. Germino noted that the daffodils that are presently blooming were planted by Mary Colven and Jean Bonnyman last fall.
- ✦ Alf Badgett also discussed getting a quote to replace the Episcopal Church sign on the corner of St. Alban's Lane and Concord Road.

Senior Warden Kelly Ross had no reports this evening.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- ✦ Alex Slawson, liaison to the Ministry of Fun Committee, reported on the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. The supper grossed \$610 in revenue, against \$300 in expenses for \$310 in profit. 133 people RSVP'd, 115-20 attended.
- ✦ Alex also noted the upcoming reception for Bishop Rodman's visit.
- ✦ Stephanie Amadio reported that an update from the renovations team will likely be presented at the April vestry meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Two votes (commencing the initial phase of the capital campaign, and approving sponsorship of Liam Barr in his discernment process) were conducted prior in the meeting, and each carried.

CLOSING

Rev. Germino closed the meeting with the conclusion of Evening Prayer, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.

The next meeting of the vestry will be on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m — which is the *third* Monday of that month, in light of the Easter celebration on April 19.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Anderson
Clerk of the Vestry