



St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Davidson, NC

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING ON JANUARY 8, 2024

ATTENDANCE

<i>Vestry Members in Attendance</i>	<i>Also in Attendance</i>
Jean Bonnyman, Senior Warden	<i>Clergy</i>
Mike Sass, Junior Warden	Rev. Carmen Germino <i>Rector</i>
Connor Fulton	Rev. Kevin Lloyd <i>Assoc. Rector @ Davidson College Episcopal Campus Minister</i>
Matthew Goodson	
Annamarie Klemm	<i>Unable to Attend</i>
James Kennedy	Jennifer Nelson Loher
Cheryl Nealy	Allison Kratt
Joseph Torok, Clerk	
Leslie Urban, Treasurer	
Danny Wiles	

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. Rev. Lloyd read from scripture.

Joseph Torok 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 14, "Hues of You" discussion.
- + January 14 and January 21, Thinking About Zionism, Israel and Gaza with Dr. Karl Plank
- + January 28 at 9:10 A.M., Annual Parish Meeting
- + February 4, Ben Haden Concert
- + February 12, Vestry Elections
- + February 13, Shrove Tuesday
- + February 14, Ash Wednesday



DISCUSSION

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 11, 2023 meeting of the vestry were submitted for review and were approved, by unanimous consent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

+ Leslie Urban noted that she is excited and happy, as St. Alban's had a fantastic end to 2023, with a positive cash flow. A ninety-six percent pledge rate beats the normal ninety-two.

2024 BUDGET

+ Leslie Urban requested a motion to approve the 2024 budget.

Motion #1
by Mike Sass

The vestry approves the 2024 budget.

Seconded
by Jean Bonnyman

Motion #1: Unanimously passed.

PARISH HALL UPDATE

+ A Parish Hall update was provided by James Wally. Construction has begun and efforts are on-track.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

+ The nominating committee is pleased to have three nominees for the vestry: Michael McDonnell, Martha Hartle, and Dave Pylipow.



CLERGY UPDATES

Updates from Rev. Germino

- + Allison Kratt, Jennifer Nelson Loher, and Jerry Landry have been accepted into the diocese's lay preaching initiative. Julia Lloyd is a trainer, as a lay leader with a seminary degree, in this very selective process. Rev. Germino looks forward to their participation this year.
- + The preschool parish operations are a continuing focuses of the 2024 year.

WARDEN UPDATES

Jean Bonnyman, Senior Warden

- + Vestrypersons are asked to continue to watch Vestryperson of the Day (VPoD) duties at both 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. services.
- + Jean noted that you must build trust in order to build a relationship. Since COVID has subsided, the parish has emphasized hospitality and it has had a good effect, generating enthusiasm to give. This has been critical to growth and quality of parish life.

Mike Sass, Junior Warden

- + Mike noted that the church is excited to install an improved water fountain with a container-filling dispenser for our church visitors, members, and staff to enjoy. Efforts are also underway to replace hanging lights over the stairwell. He thanked James Kennedy, Danny Wiles, and Connor Fulton for their time and talents with various aspects of maintenance.

LIAISON UPDATES

- + Cheryl Nealy, Preschool Liaison: Patti Rossini, Preschool Director, is grateful for St. Alban's continued support. A referral by a previous vestry member was made to the three year-olds group. An open house with volunteers will be held on January 17. Cheryl thanked the vestry and volunteers for help with the parking and logistics.
- + Connor Fulton, Outreach Liaison: The Coat Drive went well in December. Seven boxes of coats were donated with Gethsemane Baptist Church. Angel Tree pledges "flew" off the Christmas tree. Ada Jenkins food donation carts were filled. Room at the Inn, an event to care for those without houses, was held at Davidson College Presbyterian Church overnight. Upcoming events include Cards for Kids, set for Saturday, February 3. Doors open at 6:30 and the event starts at 7:30.



- + Annamarie Klemm, Fellowship Liaison: The Ministry of Fun is planning activities for Shrove Tuesday.
- + James Kennedy, St. Alban's Anti-Racism Team Liaison (StAART): StAART has an event scheduled on January 14 and a book discussion scheduled on January 21.
- + Danny Wiles, Finance Committee Liaison: The next quarterly Finance Committee meeting will be held in January. The Committee will continue monitoring, especially at the April quarterly meeting, how the parish hall spending progresses, our cash reserves toward the effort, any needed changes to the reserves, and efforts to reduce the mortgage.

CLOSING

Rev. Lloyd closed the meeting with Evening Prayer.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 12, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Torok
Clerk of the Vestry