



St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Davidson, NC

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING ON FEBRUARY 13, 2022

ATTENDANCE

<i>Vestry Members in Attendance</i>	<i>Also in Attendance</i>
Alex Slawson, Senior Warden (Outgoing) Jean Bonnyman, Junior Warden, (Incoming Senior Warden) Mike Sass, (Incoming Junior Warden) Bob Beckham Annamarie Klemm (Incoming) Tom Fischer (Outgoing) Connor Fulton (Incoming) Matthew Goodson (Incoming) James Kennedy (Incoming) Greg Knudson (Outgoing) Allison Kratt Jenny Meyers (Outgoing) Cheryl Nealy (via Zoom) Jennifer Nelson Loher Alex Slawson Joseph Torok Danny Wiles	<i>Clergy</i> Rev. Carmen Germino <i>Rector</i> Rev. Kevin Lloyd <i>Assoc. Rector & Davidson College Episcopal Campus Minister</i> 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. Rev. Lloyd read from scripture.



Leslie Urban 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

- + February 13, 2023: Playground Marking and Construction Begins
- + February 19, 2023: Commissioning of the 2023 Vestry
- + February 21, 2023: Shrove Tuesday
- + February 22, 2023: Ash Wednesday

DISCUSSION

MINUTES

- + Incoming Vestry Members introduced themselves and departing vestry members received thanks for their dedicated service.

MINUTES

- + The minutes of the January 9, 2022 meeting of the vestry were submitted for review and were approved as amended, by unanimous consent.

TREASURER'S REPORT



+ Leslie Urban noted that the year is off to a good start, noting that pledges continue to come in and there are no new financial concerns.

ELECTION OF SENIOR WARDEN

+ The Rector has the honor of nominating the Senior Warden.

Nomination #1
by Rev. Carmen Germino

The vestry elects Jean Bonnyman to the role of Senior Warden.

Seconded
by Leslie Urban

Election #1: Unanimously decided.

ELECTION OF JUNIOR WARDEN

Nomination #2
by Jean Bonnyman

The vestry elects Mike Sass to the role of Junior Warden.

Seconded
by Joseph Torok

Election #2: Unanimously decided.

ELECTION OF TREASURER

Nomination #3
by Mike Sass

The vestry elects Leslie Urban to the role of Treasurer.

Seconded
by Jean Bonnyman

Election #3: Unanimously decided.



ELECTION OF CLERK

Nomination #4
by Annamarie Klemm

The vestry elects Joseph Torok to the role of Clerk.

Seconded
by Allison Kratt

Election #4: Unanimously decided.

LIAISON ASSIGNMENT DISCUSSION

- + The 2023 Vestry Liaison Roles were introduced. A new Adult Formation Liaison has been created. The liaison will work with clergy to gather and assess feedback from the parish, then plan spiritual formation and educational opportunities for adults including speakers, classes, small groups, book studies, and more. The role will be an active and visible presence at educational offerings for adults as able.
- + An outline of the Vestry Liaison Roles was circulated in order to rank choices in order of preference and decisions will be reviewed for the subsequent retreat and meeting.

VESTRY RETREAT DISCUSSION

- + The 2023 Vestry Retreat dates are tentatively consist of a dinner and social on Friday, March 24, 2023, followed by business and planning on Saturday, March 25, 2023.

PARISH HALL UPDATE AND VOTE

- + Danny Wiles and Allison Kratt delivered an update from the Parish Hall Committee. They noted that the April to June 2022 capital campaign gauged interest in the project, with an initial estimated cost of \$2.4 million. An analysis of reserves and mortgage options was undertaken. Pledges exceeded the \$1.2 million goal, reaching \$1.6 million. A series of five contracts must be considered. The initial architecture and design contracts were approved in July 2022. The contracts for the playground have been approved in August 2022. A deeper dive for architecture has also been approved. The most significant contract for construction will be presented in June or July 2023. Parishioner and engineer James Wally is leading the engineering and design work. Due to economic conditions, an increase in the estimated cost is acknowledged, from \$2.4 million, along with increased interest rates.
- + Prudently, the Finance Committee revisited the estimate and borrowings. The Finance Committee reaffirmed its comfort in moving forth.

Motion #1
by Allison Kratt



- (1) The vestry accepts the Joint Recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Parish Hall Committee to increase the budget from \$2.4 million to \$2.6 million;
- (2) The vestry authorizes the committee and staff to commence the permitting process; and
- (3) The vestry approves the contract with the playground independent auditor and inspector.

Seconded
by Leslie Urban

Motion #1: Unanimously passed.

LIAM BARR APPROVAL

- + Former Episcopal Student Fellowship (ESF) member at Davidson College, Liam Barr, is attending his second year of seminary at Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas and joined the meeting via Zoom.
- + Liam Barr discussed his experience creating a year-long Parish Plan for a local Texas parish, which focuses on incorporating various visions and reconciling differences. He also is pursuing a Latinx Ministry concentration, and has experience in children's hospital critical pastoral education. He is married to Davidson College graduate who attends seminary, as well. On March 12, he will be preaching at St. Alban's 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM mass.
- + Liam will be meeting with the diocesan Commission on Ministry and the Standing Committee for interviews to become a candidate for priesthood.
- + As the sponsoring parish, members of the Clergy and Vestry of St. Alban's completed and signed a Certificate of Ministry and Vestry. The form allows St. Alban's to continue our ongoing support for Liam Barr's journey.

CLERGY UPDATES

Updates from Rev. Germino

- + St. Alban's will be assigned a seminarian intern to be introduced in the near future.

Updates from Rev. Lloyd

- + ESF students have returned, including several juniors who studied abroad. There are 14 regular participants in an adjusted Bible study and communion. Rev. Lloyd and the students are grateful for St. Alban's volunteers who have been providing home-cooked meals for their gatherings.
- + The Taizé Pilgrimage is approaching, and a volunteer with a larger vehicle is requested to assist in transporting participants to the airport.



WARDEN UPDATES

Alex Slawson, Outgoing Senior Warden

- + The Vestryperson of the Day (VPoD) Checklist has been distributed.

Jean Bonnyman, Outgoing Junior Warden

- + Jean Bonnyman noted that the Memorial Garden bushes will be trimmed by approximate one-third beginning the afternoon of Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

LIAISON UPDATES

- + Jenny Myers, Preschool Liaison: Mike Sass will be providing a Preschool Report in March to the Vestry.
- + The Children and Youth Ministry Liaisons will be merged, and the Fellowship liaison replaces the former Ministry of Fun and Welcome Ministry Liaisons.

CLOSING

Rev. Lloyd closed the meeting with Evening Prayer.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Torok
Clerk of the Vestry