



St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Davidson, NC

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING ON OCTOBER 9, 2023

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	
James Kennedy	
Allison Kratt	<i>Unable to Attend</i>
Cheryl Nealy	
Jennifer Nelson Loher	Allison Kratt
Joseph Torok	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

- + October 15, 2023: Bishop Jennifer Brooke Davidson will visit St. Alban's for Confirmation and receptions.
- + November 5, 2023: All Saint's Day
- + November 17-18, 2023: Diocesan Convention, Winston Salem, N. C.

DISCUSSION

MINUTES

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



TREASURER'S REPORT

- + Via Danny Wiles, Leslie Urban noted that financials are in good shape: pledges continue to come ahead of schedule; expenses remain in-check. Erin Garrett has been monitoring investment income and normal operating results, along with Parish Hall contributions and cash reserves.
- + Specifically, related to the Parish Hall, borrowings are expected to be high through spring and summer of next year, until the amount of unpaid pledges decreases.
- + Financial details from the Finance and Parish Hall Committee have been shared with the vestry.

CLERGY UPDATES

Updates from Rev. Germino

- + Rev. Germino received an invite from Rabbi Becca Diamond and a colleague of Rev. Lloyd to gather to pray for peace in light of world violence. The invitation was extended to vestry members.
- + Gratitude was expressed to the Oktoberfest Team.
- + Thanks was given to Pam Sass for reorganizing storage and interior spaces in preparation for Parish Hall construction. The choir room will be moved to the middle school room, but the corner youth room will remain such, providing one less room to move.
- + Beginning October 22, a four week series will be held on a book about prayer called God and You. In the Adult Formation survey, the highest interest was in spiritual practices. Specifically, teaching to practice faith was the most popular item on survey results. The Children's Choir Moms will be participating.

Updates from Rev. Lloyd

- + One more session of the youth Confirmation class remains. This group was smaller but engaged and interested in a life of faith and the Episcopal Church. The class is designed to help participants make a mature, public affirmation of their faith. A final conversation will be held Wednesday.
- + The Episcopal Student Fellowship (ESF) at Davidson College will hold its Fall Retreat November 11-12 at the Lake Logan Conference Center. ESF holds Taizé-style services and Bread for the Journey bible study. An ESF student delegate will also attend the Diocesan Convention.



WARDEN UPDATES

Jean Bonnyman, Senior Warden

- + Applause was given to all of those who contributed and attended Oktoberfest to make it a special event.
- + Arrangements were made for the upcoming vestry meeting with the Bishop during her aforementioned visit.

Mike Sass, Junior Warden

- + The deputy Fire Marshall visited St. Alban's to provide advice on fire safety, including locks and lighting.

LIAISON UPDATES

- + Cheryl Nealy, Preschool Liaison: Patti Rossini, Preschool Director, noted that if room remains in the four to five year old class, they can admit students mid-year. Curriculum includes enrichment programs, math, science, theater, and wiggle worship. The preschool would like to coordinate with Outreach on events and Cheryl will be connecting Patti with Outreach Chair Mike Kingsley. A budget will be decided in November.

CLOSING

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Torok
Clerk of the Vestry