



St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Davidson, NC

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING ON FEBRUARY 12, 2024

ATTENDANCE

<i>Vestry Members in Attendance</i>	<i>Also in Attendance</i>
Dave Pylipow, 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	Jean Bonnyman
Martha Hartle	Jennifer Nelson Loher
Sarah Hicks	Danny Wiles
James Kennedy	<i>Unable to Attend</i>
Annamarie Klemm	Leslie Urban, Treasurer
Allison Kratt	
Mike McDonnell	
Cheryl Nealy	
Joseph Torok, Clerk	

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. Matthew Goodson read from scripture.

Mike Sass 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

- + Tuesday, February 13 – Shrove Tuesday
- + Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday, services at 12 P.M. and 7 P.M.
- + Sunday, February 18 – Installation and Commissioning of the 2024 Vestry at 10:30 A.M.
- + Sunday, March 16 – Vestry Retreat, morning and afternoon.
- + March 21-31 – Holy Week & Easter

DISCUSSION

INTRODUCTIONS

- + Incoming and outgoing vestrypersons introduced themselves to the group and presented nominations for wardens, treasurer, and clerk.



ELECTION OF SENIOR WARDEN

Motion #1
by Rev. Carmen Germino

The vestry approves the nomination of Dave Pylipow to serve as Senior Warden.

Seconded
by Mike Sass

Motion #1: Unanimously passed.

ELECTION OF JUNIOR WARDEN

Motion #2
by Dave Pylipow

The vestry approves the nomination of Mike Sass to serve as Junior Warden.

Seconded
by Annamarie Klemm

Motion #2: Unanimously passed.

ELECTION OF TREASURER AND CLERK

Motion #3
by Rev. Carmen Germino

The vestry approves the nomination of Leslie Urban to serve as Treasurer and Joseph Torok to serve as Clerk.

Seconded
by Dave Pylipow

Motion #3: Unanimously passed.



MINUTES

The minutes of the January 8, 2024 meeting of the vestry were submitted for review and were approved, by unanimous consent.

LIAISON ROLES

Liaison roles were distributed for the 2024 year to the vestry members to rank their preferences. Nine roles are available.

TREASURER'S REPORT

✦ On behalf of Leslie Urban, Treasurer, the Finance Committee liaison, Danny Wiles, noted that financial results came this Sunday for January and the results are positive. He acknowledged that pledges came in below budget for January, but compared it to January of last year which had five Sundays and a high number of remittances. Non-pledge offerings were stronger and expenses continued to be in-check.

PARISH HALL UPDATE

✦ Mike Sass noted that James Wally continues to communicate with the architect. Parish Hall committee liaisons continue to meet with Richard Anderson, the job superintendent weekly. Testing engineers are providing reports along the way and inspections continue to be performed. He noted that plumbing and the concrete slab are expected to be visible soon.

PAROCHIAL REPORT APPROVAL

✦ The parochial report provides annual insight into the life, ministries, finances and membership of the church and may assist with visioning and planning. It is prepared and certified annually.



Motion #4
by Allison Kratt

The vestry approves the Parochial Report.

Seconded
by Mike Sass

Motion #4: Unanimously passed.

CLERGY UPDATES

Updates from Rev. Germino

- + Derek Riccelli is meeting with the parish Discernment Committee this season. Jennifer Nelson Loher and Dave Pylipow are on the Discernment Committee. It is anticipated that Derek and Jennifer will return during next month's vestry meeting to talk about the process. Derek is studying at Duke Divinity School.
- + Rev. Germino continues to finalize plans for the approaching sabbatical.

Updates from Rev. Lloyd

- + Liam Barr is in his final semester at Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. His wife is currently in Presbyterian seminary as well. Whether they are able to return to North Carolina, he plans to return to St. Alban's to share his experience.
- + Davidson College students are deeply grateful for the meals and support provided through the Episcopal Student Fellowship (ESF) at Davidson College by dedicated parish members. New students were added to the existing membership.

WARDEN UPDATES

Dave Pylipow, Senior Warden

- + Dave Pylipow plans to schedule one-to-one phone calls to discuss what areas of parish life need focus and what is working well.



Mike Sass, Junior Warden

+ Mike Sass noted that Bylaws have been distributed for the new vestry members. He also thanked Connor Fulton for taking a lead in the installation of the water fountain with built-in water bottle re-filler.

LIAISON UPDATES

+ Cheryl Nealy, Preschool Liaison: The Search Committee, chaired by Ann Todd, is engaged in interviewing and meeting with candidates for Preschool Director. Ann Todd requests that the vestry share the Facebook Ad for the preschool openings available.

+ Connor Fulton, Outreach Liaison: The Outreach Committee reached its goal of 60 participants for Lifeline meal packing and expects a fun event. This represents approximately a \$3000 commitment for the church. He expressed thanks to Mrs. McDowell for her efforts and the strong response received.

+ James Kennedy, St. Alban's Anti-Racism Team Liaison (StAART): Martha delivered updates regarding the Saints Project in which, during the season of Lent, we are provided the opportunity to learn more about Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) saints recognized in the Anglican tradition. Parishioners will notice saint biographies going out by email beginning tomorrow.

+ Allison Kratt, Stewardship Liaison: The Stewardship Committee is still writing "thank you" notes for the annual campaign while stewardship efforts are ongoing.

CLOSING

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

The next regularly scheduled meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Torok
Clerk of the Vestry