

St. John's Episcopal Church, Tower Grove Vestry Meeting Minutes for June 23, 2024 @ 12:10 PM

In attendance: Rev. Nancy Emmel Gunn, Liam Clements, Correne Murphy, Ann Balsamo, Jeffrey Carter, Jonathan Cureton, Paul Freeman, Mary Anne Pikrone

Absent: Ronya McCool

Opening Prayer by The Rev. Nancy Emmel Gunn

Declaration of a Quorum and Reminder of Behavioral Covenant (Nancy Emmel Gunn)

FINANCIALS

New accountant Joseph Jeffers walked Vestry through the new budget report format.

Joseph corrected a few lines. We discussed needing only the budget line by line detail and the profit and loss statements. Rev. Nancy suggested that Finance Committee look at budget lines and clean up unused lines or unnecessary lines.

Ann suggested a brief budget summary for the newsletter.

Budget to May 31 is much more favorable than April close. Continued diligence, and increased giving, remain necessary.

Rev. Nancy provided the glorious news of a *diocesan grant* to purchase new air conditioner compressors for parish hall and educational space.

Budget report was approved (Jonathan/Mary Ann).

MINUTES of May 19, 2024.

Correction: Mary Anne Pikrone was present.

Approved as amended (Correne/Paul).

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Mary Anne reports *existing maintenance agreements* for annual HVAC, semi-monthly pest mitigation, annual stove and vent cleaning, weekly cleaning. Handyman is engaged to patch/plug holes to alley in basement wall. Other minor projects are on the list.

Vestry directs Mary Anne to *pursue electrical fixes* up to full grant amount of

\$10K. Correne is new chair of Building and Grounds Committee.

APPRECIATIONS

Dale Cannon and Keith Morehead for fixing plumbing in women's toilet.

Diocese of Missouri for grant from White Fund.

FINANCE

Jeff and Adrian Storey, with Rev. Nancy, constitute a Finance Committee.

HOSPITALITY

- Sunday, August 18, Back-to-School Blessing of the Backpacks
- Friday, October 4, Fall Bingo and Chili Cook-off **Hospitality/Events Committee Support Needed**
- Sunday, October 27 PM, Halloween concert event (New event tentatively scheduled pending planning by organizers Joseph Eckelkamp and Jonathon Cureton)
- Friday, November 8 – “Soup ‘R Board Game” night (informal – BYO Soup to share and board games)
- Sunday, December 15 – Hanging of the Greens **Hospitality/Events Committee Support Needed**

OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

No update on *June Downtown Pride*; no official St. John’s engagement in Downtown Pride, although two parishioners will be present on Sunday 6/30.

Tower Grove Pride: official water bottle station.

Peace Meal: grant from St. Mark Presbyterian in Ballwin for \$3000 for new kitchen equipment.

LOOSE ENDS

Continued perfection of master calendar.

NEXT MEETING

Sunday, July 21 at 12.15 PM.

Executive Committee Thursday, July 18, at 7 PM. Paul to join.

ACTION ITEMS

Jeff — brief budget summary for newsletter.

Jeff — appreciations.

Mary Anne — continue bird-dogging building and grounds projects. Pursue electrical updates.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 1.25 PM

Jeffrey Richard Carter, recording secretary