

St. John's Episcopal Church, Tower Grove

Vestry Meeting Minutes for September 22, 2024 @ 12:05 PM

In attendance: Rev. Nancy Emmel Gunn, Ronya McCool, Correne Murphy, Mary Anne Pikrone, Paul Freeman, Jeffrey Carter, Ann Balsamo, Dawn Indelicato-Faw, Jonathan Cureton

Guests present: Craig McRoberts

Meeting commenced at 12:10 P.M.

A quorum was declared. Vestry reviewed our behavioral covenant.

Appreciations to The Rev. Pamela Stuerkey.

Vestry approved July 2024 meeting minutes and August 2024 meeting minutes. Correction: Correne Murphy is also eligible for reelection to another term.

Vestry members checked in with each other and reflected on blessings and bedevilments.

Craig/Jonathan provided update on plans for **Pride in the Park**. Mass on the Grass is coming together. Volunteers from other parishes are helping with Mass on the Grass, which is also a cooperative venture with congregations from other denominations.

Wainwright courtyard. St. John's has received a grant from Brightside to beautify the street scape and east courtyard. Travis Hall is spearheading planting.

Stewardship. Guest stewardship speakers for all Sundays on November. Campaign will include a time and talent survey. Congregational budget update meeting is required. Ann Balsamo is building the file/playbook to pass on to a new chair for Fall 2025. Discussion of methods of transferring money to church – Venmo, PayPal, EBT, ACH. Jeff/Rev. Nancy/Louise to discuss.

Budget update presentation/listening session on Sunday, October 27 after service.

Vestry entered closed session to discuss personnel.

Rev. Nancy provided reports on

1. bookkeeping.
2. new stove has been installed.
3. Peace Meal October 12.
4. new youth group leader is now employed.

5. vacation in October.
6. October Halloween "Phantom of the Opera" event. Need full info in bulletin on 10/6, and newsletter week of 10/6.
7. status of repairs on basement intrusion a few weeks ago.
8. prayer service for election on 11/3 during Sunday service, and at 10/30 Evening Prayer.
9. Brown Bag payment on concerts from two years ago.

Vestry approved (McCool/Indelicato-Faw) **Annual Signatory and Authority Resolution** at request of new bookkeeper.

Vestry engaged in discussion of safety of tenants and presence of unhoused around the church property.

Action/follow-up items:

1. Correct and publish revised minutes (Jeff/Ronya).
2. Appreciation note (Jeff).
3. Consult with Louise about methods of giving (Jeff/Rev. Nancy).
4. "Phantom of the Opera" info in bulletin on 10/6 at latest (Jonathan to follow up with Ezra and Joseph).
5. Election prayer services for election on Wednesday 10/30 and Sunday 11/3 (Correne/Jonathan).
6. Discussion with diocese, attorney, and Trinity CWE about safety of tenants (Rev. Nancy/Jeff/Jonathan).

In the next weeks:

- 9/29 – Dawn welcome and Vestry recap.
- 10/6 – Jeff welcome and Vestry recap.
- 10/13 – Correne welcome.
- 10/20 – Mary Anne welcome.
- 10/27 – Jonathan welcome and Vestry recap.

Next meeting: Sunday 10/20 at 12.05 PM. Executive committee Saturday 10/19 at 5 PM on Zoom. Jonathan to join.

Meeting adjourned at 2.07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Carter, recording scribe