

**St. James Vestry Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 17, 2022**  
**5:45 pm**

Fr. De Freeman, Fr. Forbes Sirmon, Clerk Bruce Stone, Parish Administrator Meghan Fancher, Jim Ketchum, Bebe Goetter, Earl Jackson, Elizabeth Erwin, Laura Jones, Ben Coddling, Lauren Arington, Shannon Pesnell, Matthew Myrick, Tracy Corte and Mary Statkewicz

Vestry Members Absent: Jeanie Smith, Peter Gaillard, Chris Nelson

Vestry meeting commenced @ approximately 5:45pm

Opening prayer – Fr. De Freeman

Recitation of Mission Statement

Lauren Arington led meditation –

**Discussion:**

Katie Smith - Financial update

Expenses currently under budget, income over budget, school continues to do well financially.

Upon motion to approve financial report, Earl Jackson made first, seconded by Laura Jones. Vestry approved financial report unanimously

Fr. De –

Signatories for all accounts with M&M Bank require updating, and bank is requesting new, updated resolution from Vestry. Fr. De requested that Vestry authorize him, Jeanie Smith, Lauren Arington, Katie Smith and Bruce Stone as authorized signatories on all accounts with M&M Bank.

Bruce Stone, Clerk of Vestry, will draft resolution to be signed by Fr. De and Bruce, for submission to bank. Motion was made for approval; Earl Jackson made first motion for approval, seconded by Ben Coddling. Vestry approved unanimously

ACH banking currently allows transfers between accounts up to \$40,000.00 without question.

De requested this amount be increased to \$60,000.00. Upon motion being made for approval, Laura Jones made first motion for approval, seconded by Bebe Goetter. Vestry approved unanimously

Rector's Attendance report –

Ash Wednesday services attendance total was 324

Shrove Tuesday attendance was approximately 70

Wednesday night Lenten dinners averaging 60 so far

School – there now appear to be more students seeking admission than prepared for. The school currently has a waiting list for 3&4 year olds.

There is a need to discuss a capital campaign. Expecting proposals (Request for Proposal) back from hopefully several of the architects that the RFP's building project was submitted to, who might be interested, sometime in May. Following that, a committee will be established to select an architect. Fr. De made the decision to assign Vestry members to new committees at the May Vestry meeting.

Discussed possible suggestions for Capital Fund Drive, leaders, groups, etc., and inquiries were made if anyone was aware of any “in-house” parishioners with funding experience.

Vestry went into Executive Session

Following executive session, Matt Myrick suggested that a list of “talking points” be put together, timeline, activities, etc., in order for the Vestry to be better able to discuss our needs with parishioners

Fr. De provided the ASA as follows:

2021	233
2019	479
2022	267 to date
Total increase of 116 new members	
Total decrease of 47 members	
1,505 baptized parishioners	

2021 Parochial Report has been prepared and will be submitted. Request for motion to approve made, first motion made by Bebe Goetter, seconded by Earl Jackson. Vestry approved unanimously to submit report.

Helen has made a request to Vestry to approve ticket sales for the upcoming Concert series VOCES8, only for the purposes of allowing reserve seats. The concert is expected to be very popular, and draw guests from some distance. By allowing reserved seats, parish and series members can be assured seats, and can monitor Church capacity. Ticket prices will be \$25, \$15, and \$5. Motion was requested for approval; Earl Jackson made first motion for approval, followed by Lauren Arington second. Vestry approved motion unanimously.

Kenneth White-Spunner’s ordination will be April 30, 2022, for admission to diaconate, for which Vestry approval was requested. Motion for approval duly made, first for approval made by Lauren Arington, seconded by Laura Jones. Vestry approved motion unanimously for Kenneth’s admission.

Motion was requested for approval of February 2022 minutes as submitted. Fr. De requested that all discussions pertaining to Amanda Doshier’s interview and employment be considered to have all been in Executive Session. Approval was requested for February minutes, first motion for approval made by Ben Coddling, seconded by Tracy Corte. Vestry approved motion unanimously.

Fr. De reported that Internet issues are still ongoing, and that Jim Ketchum was now communicating with Unity.

Meghan will have the address label & notes ready shortly for Vestry to write thank-you notes for 2022 pledges

There will be no April, 2022 Vestry meeting  
Next Vestry meeting will be May 19, 2022

Bebe Goetter offered closing prayer

March Vestry meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 pm