

**St. James Vestry Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 15, 2022**

**Present:** De Freeman, Forbes Sirmon, Amanda Doshier, Sr. Warden Jeannie Smith, Jr. Warden Lauren Arington, Clerk Bruce Stone, Treasurer Katie Smith, Parish Administrator Meghan Fancher, Earl Jackson, Laura Jones, Matthew Myrick, Tracy Corte, Mary Statkewicz, Bebe Goetter, Peter Gaillard, Elizabeth Erwin, Chris Nelson   Vestry Members Absent: Shannon Pesnell, Ben Coddling

Vestry meeting commenced @ approximately 5:49 pm

Opening prayer – Fr. De

Recitation of Mission Statement

Mary Statkewicz led meditation

**Discussion:**

Financials - Katie Smith stated we were in line with budget for 2021. Earl Jackson made first motion to approve financial reports, seconded by Laura Jones, motion carried and approved.

Fr. De presented a letter pertaining to the St. James concert series endowment fund for consideration, whereby the original family endowing the concert series are agreeing to release St. James from all obligations and prior restrictions regarding the use of the concert series funds. However, De stated that we should expect very little change from what has been being done. Motion was made to accept this letter, Bebe Goetter made first motion, seconded by Elizabeth Erwin, motion carried and approved.

De presented the Vestry with a “case study review” regarding the proposed capital fund drive and campus renovation/expansion, with the topic of the projects being “Rooted and Growing Outward”. Lengthy discussion following, with recommendations. Matt Myrick, Lauren Arington and BeBe Goetter agreed to co-edit some revisions to the review letter.

On Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, a “first impressions” meeting will be held at the Church, with presentation being made by Christine Miller, capital campaign consultant. Will be an invitation only event, comprised of Church leaders, contributors, and Vestry. Walcott Adams will also be making their initial presentation of the proposed project.

This will then be followed by two (2) parish wide meetings following each of the Sunday services on December 4<sup>th</sup>, and open to the congregation. Vestry is encouraged to attend both sessions.

Sr. Warden Jeanie Smith opened discussions for upcoming Vestry nominations. All nominations will be for full 3-year terms. A slate of 4 nominees is expected to be presented at the upcoming annual meeting in January 2023. Notice of nominations will need to be placed in the Anchor Lines in December.

Fr. De, for information only, advised Vestry that the sod in the parking meadow has now been replaced, but has since been invaded by armadillos and moles. A turf management company, Enviro, has been hired to remedy the problem, incurring an annual expense of \$1,295.00, which include parking meadow and portions of the front of the campus.

Request was made for approval of October, 2022 Vestry minutes, Lauren Arington made first motion, seconded by Laura Jones, motion carried and approved.

December Vestry meeting will the December 15, 2022, 5:45 pm.

Noember, 2022 Vestry meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.