

St. James Vestry Minutes
Thursday, December 15, 2022

Present: Revs. De Freeman, Forbes Sirmon & Amanda Doshier, Sr. Warden Jeannie Smith, Jr. Warden Lauren Arington, Clerk Bruce Stone, Parish Administrator Meghan Fancher, Earl Jackson, Laura Jones, Matthew Myrick, Bebe Goetter, Chris Nelson, Ben Codding, Shannon Pesnell

Members absent: Katie Smith, Peter Gaillard, Elizabeth Erwin, Tracy Corte, Mary Statkewicz

Vestry meeting commenced @ approximately 5:46 pm

Opening prayer – Fr. De

Recitation of Mission Statement

Rev. Amanda Doshier led meditation

Discussion:

De updated the Vestry on the slate of nominations for 2023: Tracy Corte, Dee Gambill, Jim Daniell, and Margaret Cadden. All are being nominated for 3-year terms.

A First Impressions for the parish was held on December 4, 2022. The Vestry discussed feedback they either heard during the meeting or since. All impressions were mostly positive, with many comments being made about the outreach opportunities school is providing.

Youth Director K.J. Minnifield has resigned.

Letters will be mailed out from the Diocese addressing the need for Parishes to contribute their 10% annually.

Vestry went into Executive Session.

Vestry returned to Regular Session

A document from the diocesan office regarding endorsement for Amanda's ordination to the priesthood was presented. A motion was made to approve the document and was unanimously approved. The document was circulated for signatures.

De reported that the Diocese has asked for help from our clergy. St. Paul's Magnolia Spring has an immediate need for long-term clergy, as they have not been able to replace their priest yet. They are looking for an 18-month commitment to assist on Sundays and one (1) day per week in the office, and compensation will be available. De is in conversation with their Vestry and the Canon to the Ordinary.

Upcoming Diocesan Convention will be March 2-4, 2023, in Pensacola. Need a total of 6 + 1 delegates. Currently have 3, so need 4 more delegates. Must be registered by January 15, 2023. Vestry approval will be required, which will most likely be done by email.

The 2023 Clergy housing allowances were discussed, and resolutions for approval were requested and presented. Upon duly made motion for approval of all three (3) housing allowance resolutions made by Earl Jackson, Matt Myrick made first motion for approval, Lauran Jones seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

De requested motion be made for approval of November Vestry minutes, Chris Nelson made first motion, followed by Earl Jackson seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

De reported the following recent ASA:

October	288	
September	322	
November	304	
December	386	to date

January Vestry meeting will be on January 19, 2023

Father De closed with prayer, and December Vestry meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.