

St James Episcopal Church

Minutes of Vestry Meeting

December 20, 2023

Present: Alan White, Linda Sanders, Terry Kline, Mary Lu Gunn, Jim Wallis, Chris Adams, Father Jim, Ann Inman and Sharlene Randolph

Call to Order: Alan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Formation: Linda Used Day by Day for December 20th Songs that bring us closer to Our Lord and why.

Information:

- Stewardship: Status Recap. Discussed picnic.
- Junior Warden: Uninvited guest in house left and belongings have been removed. Terry put protection in the windows. The dishwasher was fixed. And fire alarm batteries have been replaced. re: Verizon Cube for internet, purchased and is working. New desktop purchased for branch administrator. New small chalices are coming in and the tables and trays are here.
- Worship Committee: First meeting with Father Jim, discussed Christmas Eve, there will be one morning service at 10:30. We will decorate on Saturday the 24th for Christmas morning at 10:30. We will offer small chalices beginning Christmas Eve. The 5:15 service will be Lessons and Carols followed by a potluck dinner.
- Parish Hall will have a schedule of routine meetings and uses on the website. The office should be called to facilitate the use for any unscheduled uses. Ash Wednesday will be a noon service and then 5-6 Ashes will be made available on a drive by status.
- Alan reported bonus to staff have already been handed out.
- Alan discussed Annual Reports and Meeting. Senior and Junior Warden will give a brief report, other committee reports are on Website. Nominees for Vestry will be presented.
- Father Jim has planned a Retreat for February 17th , morning will be all leaders, afternoon will be Vestry.

- Treasurer's Report Still in good shape. 2024 Budget, we will use long term interest withdraw from memorial fund must be approved by vestry. Will be used for items that will last, not for utilities and such.
- Finance Committee is Bill Bomar, David Tatum, Evan Heckle, Sharlene Randolph, Alan White and Father Jim.
- Shrove Tuesday will be a Pancake Supper.
- Father Jim will start making announcements on Christmas Eve.

Alan made a motion to recommend 1550 housing allowance for Priest in Charge for December. Linda seconded. Passed unanimously.

Alan made a motion to recommend 7750 housing allowance for Priest in Charge for 2024. Mary Lu seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mary Lu made a motion to receive the Financials as presented. Linda seconded. Passed unanimously.

Chris made a motion to approve the November Minutes, Alan seconded. Approved unanimously.

Linda made a motion to accept recommendation of Finance Committee to approve Budget of 2024 also to make up deficits by means approved by Vestry, Chris seconded. Passed unanimously.

January Formation is Chris.

January 17th will be Vestry and January 21st will be Annual Meeting.

Meeting closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Johnson

