

February 23, 2023 – 5:00 PM
Holy Faith Vestry
Youth Room, Conkey House
The Church of the Holy Faith

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr Robin Dodge, Mike Morrissey, Vann Bynum, Steven Berkshire, Chris Frenk, Peter Lockyer, Ruth Rael, Mark Everett, Charles Rountree

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr Jim Gordon, Mtr Lynn Finnegan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kaki Grubbs

- **Call to Order**

Fr Robin called the meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM and led the Vestry in prayer.

- **Acceptance of the Agenda**

Steven moved, and Mike seconded acceptance of the agenda as amended. *Carried unanimously.*

- **Disposition of the January 26th and January 29th, 2023 Vestry Minutes**

Steven moved, and Ruth seconded the acceptance of the Minutes, as corrected, for the January 26th, 2023 Vestry meeting. *Carried unanimously.* Chris moved, and Ruth seconded the acceptance of the Minutes for the January 29th, 2023 Vestry meeting. *Carried unanimously.*

- **Bible Study**

Mtr Lynn led the Vestry in Bible study on Matthew 4 1-11.

- **January 2023 Financial Reports – Steven Berkshire**

Steven began by expressing concern that operating expenses continue to exceed operating revenue. He reported that no new pledges had been received since the middle of January. In December, follow up letters were sent to members who had made commitments in prior years but had not returned a pledge for 2023.

For January, operating income was \$86,034 and operating expenses total \$110,755. Netted with other income and expenses, the month closed with a \$(25,716) deficit. Steven noted that expenses for the month were higher than budgeted due mostly to expenses incurred in December but not paid until January. He went on to say that the first quarter of the year often indicates how the remainder of the year will play out and there would be a clearer view of trends when financials through March 31st are reviewed

The cash balances at month-end total \$536,982:

• Century Bank	\$156K
• First Citizens	\$140K
• Sunflower	\$ 2.5K
• Sunflower Money Market	\$237K

The cash balances for all accounts, as reported on January 19th, was \$517,319.

Northern Trust reported the endowed funds at January 31st were valued at \$9,432,742.

Disbursements available for 2023 from the endowment were reported:

Capital	\$308,840
Library	\$ 19,353
Women's Guild	\$ 18,808
Mission & Outreach	\$ 17,495

The Vestry accepted the January 2023 Financial Statement as recommended by the Finance Committee, unanimously.

Steven then reported that the Finance Committee supported approaching Swain and Greco to conduct the 2022 audit with the goal of completion in June or July.

The Vestry accepted engaging Swain and Greco for the 2022 audit as recommended by the Finance Committee, unanimously.

Steven presented the annual parochial report to the Vestry for review. After consideration, Steven moved, and Vann seconded, approval of the 2022 parochial report with the understanding that questions 11 and 18 be revised for accuracy and a corrected report be presented at the March Vestry meeting. ***Carried unanimously.***

- **Junior Warden's Report – Vann Bynum**

Vann presented a spreadsheet of ongoing and completed projects. He emphasized the need to address a drainage problem at the front corner of the Church which, in winter, presents a potential safety hazard due to freezing water. He also noted that cosmetic work was needed to complete the installation of the usher's cabinet and the relocation of the thermostat in the choir area.

The Vestry accepted expending up to \$4,603 to complete the three projects as recommended by the Finance Committee, unanimously.

Vann noted that the Finance Committee reviewed and discussed the necessity of installing a new HVAC system for Conkey House. He reported that the Finance Committee reviewed a number of options to purchase a new system and recommended requesting additional bids for the project before determining a course of action.

- **Senior Warden's Report – Mike Morrissey**

Mike noted that this was his first Vestry meeting as Senior Warden and, in lieu of a report, asks that members of the Vestry bring issues and concerns to his attention as he assumes responsibilities.

- **Rector's Report – Fr Robin Dodge**

Fr. Robin reported on upcoming Lenten services and offerings: Stations of the Cross is scheduled for Wednesdays at 5 PM followed by a soup supper in Palen Hall. Following supper, a Lenten series 'Exploring God's Will' is planned. Also planned is a half day retreat led by Mtr Lynn, co-sponsored by Education for Ministry, on March 11th on 'Kenosis' which translates as 'self-emptying'.

- **Associate Rector's Report – Fr Jim Gordon**

Fr Jim reported that upcoming adult forums include a presentation by Bonnie Hardwick on Ethiopian iconography, a series presented by Fr Robin on Roman Catholic-Anglican relations, and a presentation by Mtr Lynn on St Paul.

- **Assistant Rector's Report – Mtr Lynn Finnegan**

Mtr Lynn reported that the children's Shrove Sunday pancake breakfast was a success. The children were really engaged and the adults enjoyed themselves.

"Ashes to Go" on the Plaza and at St John's College, despite inclement weather, drew a number of participants.

She concluded by noting that she will be part of a mission trip to Juarez the beginning of March.

- **Other Business**

There being no further business, Ruth moved, and Mike seconded adjourning the meeting. *Carried unanimously.* The meeting concluded with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Rountree