

St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry
23 March 2025

Present: Iris Atkins, Jeff Bates, Bill Cheney, David Dennehy, Bob Dunn, Terry Farrelly, Bill Gustafson, Rev. Roger Haenke, Alejandra Valdez-Beer, Lynn Young
Absent: Helena Livingston

Rev. Roger Haenke called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Appreciation was noted for Rev. Susanna DesMarais, for those who helped with Joe Atkins's memorial service, and for the flowers every week.

David Dennehy moved, Alex Valdez-Beer seconded approval of the Consent Agenda (Vestry minutes from February, Rector's Monthly Operational Report for February, Outreach Committee report for March, and Property Committee report for February). The motion passed.

Terry Farrelly gave the Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

The total pledged so far to the Capital Campaign is \$167,351.66 (33% of goal), of which \$159,077.87 has been received.

Larry and Lucy Ferguson have indicated an interest in forming the Young Adult Gathering – Emerging Community.

There has been no activity regarding the El Camino Memorial burial plots.

Application has been completed and posted for the Rev. Michael Kaehr Honorary Scholarship Award.

The Shared Space Agreement with the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego has been completed, approved by Bishop Susan Brown Snook, and signed on March 20, 2025.

Painting of the fence, gates, and front door will begin March 24.

Following are dates for the Nale Hall and kitchen clean out: sorting on Saturday, May 3; giveaway to parishioners on Sunday, May 4; community sale conducted by Annie's Attic on Saturday, May 10.

The Vestry Retreat will be held on Saturday, April 5 beginning at 9 a.m. Venue to be announced soon. Rev. Allisyn Thomas will be our guest for a session on spirituality and to assist us with our Mutual Ministry Agreement. Lunch will be catered.

NEW BUSINESS

Our property has extensive termite infestation. Bids are being received. The work would have to be done after ECS leaves for the summer and before the First Unitarian Universalist Church moves in (July 1).

Sweetwater Authority is requiring us to install a fire protection backflow system by April 25. Since this project will take several months, we will be granted an extension if we have a contract in place by that date. Rios Fire Protection Inc. had bid on this project in 2021; their bid is for \$24,516 but the final inspection is not included in that price.

Bill Gustafson moved, David Dennehy seconded awarding the contract to Rios for \$28,515. The motion passed unanimously. Rev. Roger Haenke will contact the other bidders, and Bill Gustafson will help with follow-up.

The Finance Committee and Treasurer Terry Farrelly recommended withdrawing up to 5% of the quasi-endowment. The Vestry had previously approved (Dec. 2024) allocating 2.3% (\$20,000) to the 2025 budget.

Lynn Young moved, Jeff Bates seconded to accept the Finance Committee and Treasurer's recommendation to withdraw up to 5% from the quasi-endowment to pay for the Fire Suppression Backflow and other Property related projects. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Gustafson, Recorder