

## Vestry Meeting Minutes

April 15th, 2024

5:30 pm

### **Vestry Members Present:**

Allen Bearden, Jerry Dilliard, Arthur Duncan, Urban Friday, Molly Gamble , Ralph Hobbs, Graham Mensely, Catesby ap R. Jones, Mary Lain Peel , and Gina Perkins

### **Also Present:**

Harry Gamble, Finance Chair; The Reverend Amy George, Rector; Stephen Posey, Clerk; and Bill Trippe, Treasurer

### **Absent:**

David Tipmore and Jim Wood,

- I. Recognizing a quorum, the Reverend Amy George called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. The minutes of the March meeting were presented and approved, following a motion made by Ralph Hobbs and seconded by Catesby ap R. Jones
- III. Rector's Report
  - a. After careful review of activity, prayerful consideration, and extensive discussion, the rector and finance committee have decided to eliminate the administrative position overseeing Common Ground. Elizabeth will be paid throughout May.
  - b. Holy Week and Easter went very well: the trumpet was especially popular and will be considered for Christmas as well.
  - c. The Labyrinth is finished save for artistic touches from Anne Smith Reeves and Charlie Lukas.
  - d. The rector is continuing to confer with the Diocese about an upgrade for our website.
  - e. She has also met with Rev. Dion Tolliver from Tabernacle Baptist about church connections, with the aim of holding weekly meetings from here on out.
- IV. The treasurer's report was presented by Bill Trippe. Harry Gamble, attending the meeting on behalf of the Finance committee, cautioned that that the changes from removing the Common Ground admin position will not be clear until the June meeting. Ralph Hobbs made a motion that the report be approved: following a second made by Mary Lain Peel, the report was approved unanimously.
- V. Harry Gamble presented a report on behalf of the finance committee which covered several items, chiefly WINGS: he reported that it has exhausted its supply of nest-egg contributions and has thus far not become self-supporting as hoped: its account should be reincorporated into St. Paul's so that we can have a better idea of its financial reports. Bill Gamble is looking into other sources of funding. He also reviewed several withdrawals from funds like the Baker Belltower Fund, the Annie Day Outreach fund, etc, and advised that the memorial funds structure be simplified. Gina Perkins asked if the Annie Day Outreach fund could be utilized to support WINGS, given that it is intended as an outreach ministry.

VI. Warden's Reports

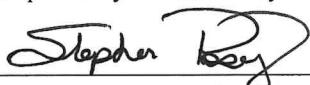
- a. The senior warden reminded Vestry of the difficulties selling the Shelby County Property, and the decision to explore the costs in obtaining legal access, which seems untenable. He suggested lowering the asking price to \$174,000, and extending Cheeto Marlowe's contract for six months. He made it a formal motion, including empowering the senior warden to execute the contract. Following a second made by Molly Gamble, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. The junior report reported that Angie found someone who could service the dishwasher that has been out of commission for several years. They determined that the error came from the electrical setup: a new breaker has been installed, but insulation on water heater wires is very brittle, and the junior warden suspects this could be the case throughout the building.
- c. Other updates from the junior warden were that the ceiling above the stage has been painted and repaired, and that the lights in the columbarium will be repaired by a volunteer for no cost. Urban also thanked Allen Bearden for trimming the grass of our Highland Avenue property.

VII. Other Business:

- A. After a discussion on tornado relief funds emerged from the junior warden's report, Gina Perkins suggested giving United Way the rest of the funds, since they were doing local work and the money would remain in the community. Allen Bearden made this a formal motion, which Gina seconded; the motion then carried unanimously.
- B. Catesby ap R. Jones, who is organizing a potential parish retreat at Camp McDowell, reported that their application process has grown more difficult than in years past, with minimum requirements. He plans to consult with Kaye Friday on moving forward.

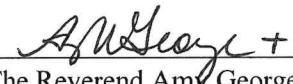
There being no other business, the Vestry dismissed with prayer at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Stephen Posey, Clerk of the Vestry

Approved by:



The Reverend Amy George, Rector