

DRAFT VESTRY MINUTES
Grace and St. John's Episcopal Church
Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: The meeting was available on Zoom for those unable to attend in person.

Present: Bob Bergner (Rector), Renee Janes (Senior Warden), Susan O'Connell (Junior Warden), Linda Simmons (Treasurer), Robin Zenobi (Clerk), Whitney Batson, Jenneifer Campbell, Kelly Mattox, Cindy Turner

Present on Zoom: Jessica Kott, Nadia Major-Dodd, Linda Rolstone

Visitor: Allison Batson

Excused Absences: Kate Aitkenhead, Kim Judenis

Unexcused Absences: Raymond Panther

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm following an opening prayer led by Fr Bob Bergner.

Agenda:

- The draft agenda was approved. (Kelly, Sue O)

Minutes :

- Minutes of the February 20, 2024 meeting were approved as amended. (Sue O, Jenn)
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Treasurer's Report:

- Will be available later in the week.
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Rector's Report:

- Paula Reynolds and John Cerritelli will have a blessing of their relationship in October.
- Holy Week services:
 - o Palm Sunday; evening prayer on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; Maundy Thursday with a soup supper followed by worship and stripping of the altar. Linda S, Whitney and Jenn have offered to make soup; Good Friday with Stations of the Cross at noon and a worship service at Christ the Good Shepherd at 7:00 pm; Easter at 4:30 am here with CGS, worship and holy communion at 6:00 am and 9 :00 am.
- Easter breakfast at 7:30 am.

Committee Reports:**Communications Committee:**

- The vestry approved a \$100 gift card for Dan LeRoy.

Worship Committee:

- No report
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Dinner for a Dollar and the Food Truck:

- D4\$ this Friday 3/22 will be with the United Way and the Food Security Task Force; there will be a conversation at each table about food security. Volunteers from Quinnipiac University and Mike Degan will be there also.
- John Graham fixed the water hose on the truck last week.
- The truck served 110 dinners last week.
- Thank you to the town of Hamden who donated \$1,600 for the few refrigerator and to the Elks who gave us \$5,000 for a new freezer.

Other Business:**Investment Committee (Reserve Fund Policy)**

- Linda Simmons will schedule an initial meeting.
- First item will be to determine which Wallingford groups to donate to.
- Bob, Linda S, Linda R, Kim J, Jessica K, Renee are on the committee

Outreach Facilitator of Outreach and Church Ministries: Sue O'Connell has offered to be the coordinator.

Hamden Fest: June 8th, we will have a booth along with Swords to Plowshares.

Sanctuary flooring – quotes thus far range from \$17,000 to \$30,000 for new floors. The bids are all slightly different; Bill Menosky is working with the vendors to revise their bids so they are all quoting on the same things.

Keeping our yard & parking lot clean: Sue O proposed hiring someone at \$20 to clean up once a week for no more than an hour. This was approved. Sue will track the individual's hours. Linda R will send a sample invoice to Sue.

Garden: the grant from the Lilly Foundation was to use the money to increase the garden yield. Hamden will donate 3 raised beds to go in the grassy strip in between our lot and DeMatteo's lot. Sue would like to put blueberry bushes here and use the end of the flower bed for raspberries. Kelly offered her own back yard but needs to talk to her husband before that's final.

Sudanese church: their worship service is Saturday from 10:00 am to noon. There is a long term question about where to store their equipment.

Bulletin boards: The board in the Brewster Room can't be moved; Sue suggested offering it to Haven of Hope and the Sudanese church for their use. Renee will measure and price a board for the undercroft.

The next meeting will be April 16th at the church and on Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Acronyms used:

G&SP = Grace & St. Peter's Episcopal Church
SJE = St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church
CGS = Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
SPOTH = St. Peter's on the Hill Episcopal Church
ECCT = Episcopal Church in Connecticut
TEC = The Episcopal Church in the US
FTAC = Food Truck Advisory Committee
D4\$ = Dinner for a Dollar
S2P = Swords to Plowshares