

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE VESTRY
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA (Via Zoom)
OCTOBER 26, 2023

VESTRY MEMBERS/OFFICERS PRESENT:

Sonja McLendon, Senior Warden
Julia Greene, Junior Warden
Barb Batog
Jim Brim
Stuart Deaderick
Daniel Grizzle
Frank Rinker
Helen Scovill
Anita Smith

ABSENT:

Vance Holifield
Beth Neidenbach
Sally Pittman

STAFF PRESENT:

Rev. Dr. Stuart Higginbotham
Rev. Dr. Cynthia Park
Rev. Dr. Brandon Nonnemaker

OTHERS PRESENT:

Amy Munn, Treasurer
Susan Lahey, Clerk of the Vestry

OTHER BUSINESS:

Rev. Dr. Stuart Higginbotham opened the meeting at 6:30PM with a prayer.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of Treasurer's Report and minutes from September 28, 2023. Grizzle/Rinker. Unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Junior Warden Julia Greene gave an update on the construction project. The fire alarm placement is going well. Two nights of "fire watch" will be coming up in early November. The roof has been completed and the brickwork will be next, followed by windows for the youth room and the bathrooms. The St. Francis walkways and repairs are underway. Updating the signage will depend on the amount remaining in the budget.
- Dr. Daniel Grizzle reported on the Nominating Committee for Vestry: 14 names have been submitted thus far. The committee will meet on November 5.
- Stewardship Update: 131 pledges have been received. The deadline is November 5. After that date, vestry members will be asked to make calls to those who pledged last year but have not yet pledged for 2024. \$65,000 in new pledges has been received.

- Evelyn Higginbotham's Girl Scout Gold Award is the creation of a garden near the Children of Grace playground. Two Eagle Scouts in the parish are also completing projects at Grace.
- Re Stuart's Emory class: Reba Page and Rev. Dr. Cynthia Park have both made presentations at the class and Sonja McLendon will attend next week. There are 15 seminary students in the on-line class.
- Reminders:
 - The Diocesan Council will meet on November 10-11.
 - The Thanksgiving potluck will be held from 5:30 to 7:00PM on November 14.
 - The next vestry meeting will be Thursday, November 30. Senior Warden Sonja McLendon will lead further discussion on the parish vision.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Rev. Dr. Cynthia Park at 7:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lahey, Clerk of the Vestry