



St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Davidson, NC

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING ON MAY 8, 2023

ATTENDANCE

<i>Vestry Members in Attendance</i>	<i>Also in Attendance</i>
Jean Bonnyman, Senior Warden	<i>Clergy</i>
Mike Sass, Junior Warden	Rev. Carmen Germino <i>Rector</i>
Connor Fulton	Rev. Kevin Lloyd <i>Assoc. Rector & Davidson College Episcopal Campus Minister</i>
Matthew Goodson	
Annamarie Klemm	
James Kennedy	
Cheryl Nealy	<i>Unable to Attend</i>
Jennifer Nelson Loher	
Joseph Torok	Leslie Urban, Treasurer
Danny Wiles	Allison Kratt

CALL TO ORDER

Rev. Germino called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

PRAYER/REFLECTION

Rev. Germino began the in-person meeting with Evening Prayer II. James Kennedy read from scripture.



Rev. Germino explained that Jesus speaks in a particular context of the reading, speaking to his closest friends. Rev. Lloyd noted that when Jesus is the way, each of us carries he incarnate Christ with us. Because we have been called disciples and friends, and seek to follow him, he is our way, truth and life.

Joseph Torok read the goals of the Vestry:

As the vestry of St. Alban's, we...

- ...pray for each other and our church
- ...participate fully
- ...commit to being a learning community
- ...welcome a variety of opinions
- ...notice and share the joy of this community
- ...are open to change and the work of the Holy Spirit
- ...do business to further our purpose (mission and ministry)
- ...are in an ongoing state of discernment
- ...take faithful risks when appropriate
- ...collaborate to avoid ministry silos and empower the various ministries we support
- ...communicate thoroughly
- ...support our church staff and clergy
- ...gather informally to strengthen our relationships

As we do these, we will serve as role models of faith and service.

INFORMATION

- + May 14, 2023: Annual Thompson Child and Family Focus Collection
- + May 28, 2023: Pentecost
- + June 4, 2023: Honoring Graduating Seniors and Newcomers' Social
- + June 11, 2023: Ministry of Fun Concert on the Green event and Blessing of the Pilgrims
- + June 23, 2023: Holy Land Pilgrimage
- + June 25, 2023: Feast of St. Alban's

DISCUSSION

MINUTES

The minutes of the March 8, 2023 meeting of the vestry were submitted for review and were approved, by unanimous consent.



TREASURER'S REPORT

+ Danny Wiles relayed the update from Leslie Urban that there are no surprises in the financials, included with the meeting materials.

PARISH HALL UPDATES

+ On April 19, 2023, the Town of Davidson approved the construction plans. In mid-May, the plan will be submitted to Mecklenburg County for building permit review. A decision is anticipated in late June. Between late May and June, a bid package may be sent out. By early July, James Wally and the Parish Hall Committee will work to select a desired general contractor. A lender will be engaged. The existing mortgage lender and additional commercial bankers have been engaged. All parties have requested information and lenders require four to six weeks to perform due diligence, possibly the end of July through mid-August. The parish is eager to break ground in August or September with standing committee approval. There are no changes to the estimated cost. A one-year construction period loan will not require payments but will accrue interest and be converted to the mortgage. Experienced counsel will be engaged as appropriate.

PARISH HALL VISION PLANNING AND VESTRY RETREAT PART II

+ The planning and retreat related working group and discussion has been postponed until the June meeting.

CLERGY UPDATES

Updates from Rev. Germino

+ Preschool Sunday and the Playground Dedication last month made a special morning. It was a heartwarming event. Gratitude was expressed for everyone who made it successful. The Preschool staff and Board worked hard. Jean Bonnyman prepared the building and grounds in spite of rainy weather. Several preschool families returned since then. Two Preschool parents are participating in Episcopal 101.

+ Approximately fifteen people are participating in Episcopal 101 this Spring. Usually, it is held in the Fall.

Updates from Rev. Lloyd

+ Rev. Lloyd noted that the Episcopal 101 meetings were held with a full room and it is exciting to attempt to cover 1500 years of church history in approximately an hour. Participants were engaged and had great questions.



- + With the academic year winding-down, the Episcopal Student Fellowship (ESF) at Davidson College has had an uptick in activity including Coffee with Kevin to talk about students' end-of-year transitions, including seniors.
- + The ESF End of Year Cookout was held at the Davidson College Lake Campus yesterday, May 7, with 15 students.

WARDEN UPDATES

Jean Bonnyman, Senior Warden

- + Jean noted sixty people have gathered in the gardens. The neighbors have thanked church members for the improvements. Plans are underway to plant sunflowers and zinnias parallel to the eastern driveway to the playground, to enhance children's view from the playground.

Mike Sass, Junior Warden

- + Mike thanked all the participants in the Church Workday maintenance and improvement activities.

LIAISON UPDATES

- + Cheryl Nealy, Preschool Liaison: Patti Rossini, Preschool Director, continues to work on 2023-2024 enrollment but they are full in the Twos and Threes, and nearly full in the Fours. The school has adjusted its funding to support supplies and its own budgeting. In addition, the preschool is working on the roster for next year's board. They are also reviewing the scholarship process and bylaws.
- + Connor Fulton, Outreach Liaison: The last meeting was April 18. Candace Johnson from Thompson Children Family Services joined. The loose collection this Sunday will be the annual collection for the organization, which is not in the outreach budget. It will occur at both services. The Habitat for Humanity open house was on April 25, attended by Cheryl Nealy, Ref. Lloyd, and former Jr. Warden Alf Badgett. Also, volunteers will visit Feed NC the third Friday of each month, but there are many needs, so please register online. Deacon Valerie is doing a pilot for a small group to volunteer with Lifeline, packing food for families, as well. Finally, Amalia Amadio is a student honored through the Echo Foundation founded by Elie Weisel, which sponsors opportunities to have meaningful experiences into contemporary issues including the war in Ukraine. She will visit refugee organizations, the United Nations in Europe, the Hague, and other international and non-governmental organizations. Outreach decided to support her and looks forward to sharing a presentation of her experience.
- + Matthew Goodson, Children and Youth Ministry Liaison: Courtney Fossett, Director of Children, Youth, and Family, had a Thank You Breakfast, gifts were presented to graduating seniors, and Vacation Bible Study will be scheduled for the last week of July. They are looking for volunteers. This summer, staff and volunteers are planning to offer a Children's Chapel including a child-friendly sermon during mass – starting June 4.



- + Annamarie Klemm, Fellowship Liaison: The Men's group is growing and the Women's group continues to be successful. Rev. Germino also noted that Annamarie has helped with Ministry of Fun planning and budgeting.
- + James Kennedy, St. Alban's Anti-Racism Team Liaison (StAART): Friday April 26, the Community School of Davison created a Holocaust and Civil Rights Museum with a private tour for visitors from St. Alban's. StAART also had a good discussion on Courageous Christianity, on how to fight racism. A dozen people attended.
- + Allison Kratt, Stewardship Liaison: Stewardship efforts are being planned.

CLOSING

Rev. Lloyd and Rev. Germino closed the meeting with Evening Prayer.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2023 at 7:00 P.M., which is a week earlier than scheduled to accommodate for the Holy Land pilgrimage. The vestry meeting will be held downstairs.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Torok
Clerk of the Vestry