

Vestry Meeting Minutes
Grace and Holy Trinity Church
Richmond, Virginia
February 9, 2021
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

Members Present: Thomas Ewers, Barbara Derry, David Hetherington, Lisa Dawson, Bill Perkins, Rosalie West, Lara Wulff, Glenn Moore, Todd Pawson, Nancy Trego, Carl Blackwell, Bev Eggleston, Martin Erb, Jodie Pully, Kathleen Thomas, Duane Nettles (Rector), and David Lewis (non-voting Register)

Members Absent: Elaine Quinn

Staff Present: Kimberly Reinholz and Barbara Dodd

Opening Prayer

At 5:03 PM, the Rev. Duane Nettles declared a quorum, called the meeting to order, and led the Vestry in praying the Lord's Prayer.

Amend & Adopt Agenda

A motion from Lara Wulff to adopt the agenda without amendment was seconded by Barbara Derry and passed with the Vestry's unanimous vote.

Adoption of 1/12/2021 and 1/19/2021 Vestry Minutes

After amendment to correct erroneous dates, Barbara Derry's motion to adopt the amended minutes was seconded by Nancy Trego and passed by a unanimous vote of the Vestry.

Discussion & Adoption of Financial Reports

Discussion of the financial reports included observations on income and expenditures.

A motion by Carl Blackwell to adopt the financial reports without amendment was seconded by Lara Wulff and passed with the Vestry's unanimous vote.

Generosity and Communications Report

Barb Dodd reported a number of additional pledges and updated the Vestry on pledge totals. The recent parish survey—to which 87 people responded within a week—provided various points of view about a return to in-person worship and parishioners' sense of connection to the church. Survey results will be communicated at the annual meeting.

Bell Update

The Property Committee is coordinating a meeting between the bell manufacturer and the engineer.

Approval of Housing Allowance

Carl Blackwell's motion to approve the rector's housing allowance was seconded by Glenn Moore and passed by the unanimous vote of the Vestry.

Next Steps on Racial Inequality and G&HTC

The Vestry received updates on the committee and the banners.

Annual Meeting

The Rector provided a brief overview of the logistics for the annual meeting on 21 February at 11:00 AM. The meeting will be online, over Zoom, and packets have been mailed out in advance. Voting for new Vestry members will be online, or by telephone.

Vestry discussion included the possible need for volunteers to assist at the church and the number of users the Zoom account permits.

Rector's Report

See separate attached report. Vestry discussion included parish feedback on phone calls, the posted video interview, and online worship.

Associate Rector's Report

See printed report attached. Vestry discussion included the work of Red Door, ECM at VCU, and questions about naloxone training.

Senior Warden's Report

Thomas Ewers thanked the outgoing class for three years of hard work and all of the Vestry for their efforts over the last, transition-filled year.

The Vestry thanked the Senior Warden for his service and wished him well as his term ends.

Upcoming Dates

February 21st – Parish Annual Meeting

March 9th – Vestry Meeting

Vestry member to video summarize vestry meeting

Jodie Pully volunteered to provide the video summary.

Adjourn with a Prayer

The Rev. Duane Nettles led the Vestry in prayer, “Keep watch, dear Lord” from the services of *Evening Prayer* and *Compline* in the BCP.

At 5:37 PM, Martin Erb's motion to adjourn was seconded by Nancy Trego and passed by the unanimous vote of the Vestry.