

Minutes of Vestry Meeting December 12, 2023

Members present: John Merullo, Andy Durham, John Escoto, Ben Blanding, Eric Beam, David Villareal, Ann McCoy, Samantha Rainman, Pamela Lawson

Members absent: Mary Matteucci, Michele White, Gladys Valles

Officers present: Larry Laubach, Treasurer; Steve Lee, Assistant Treasurer; Ben Blanding, Clerk

Clergy present: The Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero, Rector; The Reverend Luz Montes, Associate Rector

Clergy absent:

After determining a quorum, the rector called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Property Status – Controllers have been ordered and should be delivered and installed either this week or next. Labyrinth is complete. Some of the railings have also been painted (Baptismal railings and Holman St. Railings). Bob Davenport is working with someone regarding some tiles that need to be fixed/replaced.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Bering House Information Status – Bering House inspection was completed two weeks ago and the report will be ready ahead of the January Vestry meeting.

Street Construction around Trinity – The city has promised to give us access to the Holman Street entrance at least through Christmas. Construction will be on-going for the near future. Need to develop a plan to make sure people can access the building even with on-going construction. The reference number regarding the project when contacting 3-1-1 is 1129286.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Vestry Nominations – Need at least four candidates to run for Vestry. Vestry members and the rector will reach out to a few candidates for the next Vestry class.

Stewardship – We have received 77 pledges for \$361,000+. The rector has followed up with some parishioners this week to “nudge” them to get their pledges in.

Partners for Sacred Places Meeting in Austin – The rector participated in their asset mapping. The event was about half parishioners and half from the community. They were able to bring people from the community by making connections with personal invitations, contacting via both phone and email.

Staffing – addressed in closed session.

TREASURER’S REPORT

November Revenue:	\$ 41,175.86
November Expenses:	\$ 73,025.69

Resolutions:

1. Motion by Andy Durham to approve the minutes of November 12, 2023 as presented; second by John Escoto. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Samantha Rainman to approve the Treasurer’s Report for November 2023 as presented; second by Ann McCoy. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Andy Durham to approve the Housing Allowance for the Rector and Assistant Rector as presented; second by Samantha Rainman. Motion carried.
4. Resolution from the Finance Committee that we accept the expenditure of \$1,920 by December 22 and \$2,000 in February 2024 to update the church’s website.
5. Motion by John Merullo to enter closed session; second by David Villareal. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Andy Durham to leave closed session; second by David Villareal. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Minutes prepared by Ben Blanding, Clerk