

**Minutes of Vestry Meeting
March 18, 2024**

Members present: John Merullo, Andy Durham, Eric Beam, Brent Chambers, Tony Huffman, Pamela Lawson, Jeanne Sommerfeld, Andrea Shiloh, Gladys Valles, Samantha Rainman

Members absent: Mary Matteucci, David Villareal,

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:

Guests:

After determining a quorum, the rector called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Property Status – All of the required parts for the chillers have arrived. We had some trees damaged by City of Houston. We got some estimates from some arborists. The lower one is from Davey Tree. Also got a bid from Arborist on Demand. City of Houston is sending an arborist arbitrator out on Wednesday, March 20th in the morning. Some of the work for the sprinklers can either be handled in-house or is not urgent and can be revisited later. The original bid is \$7,200 able to be lowered to \$5,565.00. There are some roof leaks in some closets. Ryan Mire has contacted some roofing companies to come out and give an estimate. Construction of water main on Holman will result in a complete closure of Holman St. It is not clear if it will be closed to foot traffic during the construction. Meeting with City of Houston is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

N/A

RECTOR’S REPORT

Partners for Sacred Places – The grant money (\$35,000) has been received from the diocese. The Community Asset Meeting has been postponed to late August/early September.

Staffing – Interviews for the curate position have begun. There are three candidates being considered. A decision will be made at the beginning of May. A new sexton, Ricardo, has been hired.

Holy Week – Hours are still available for the Watch between 1 AM and 5 AM. Palm Sunday is this Sunday, March 24th. The procession and the Blessing of the Palms begins 15 minutes prior to the regularly scheduled service times. Eucharist will be served on Monday and Tuesday. There is a Tenebrae on Wednesday. Maundy Thursday service will be at 7:30. The All-Night watch starts at 9:00 PM and ends at 12:00 (noon) on Good Friday. Good Friday service begins at noon. Easter Vigil service is Saturday at 7:30 PM. There will be three baptisms at the Easter Service.

Stewardship – Nothing new to report. No progress since last month.

TREASURER’S REPORT

February Revenue: \$ 111,961.90
February Expenses: \$ 93,932.11

Resolutions:

1. Motion by Jeanne Sommerfeld to approve the minutes of February 27, 2024 as presented; second by Andy Durham. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Eric Beam to approve the landscaping bid for \$5,565.00; second by Tony Huffman. John Merullo abstains. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Andy Durham to approve the Treasurer’s Report for February 2024 as presented; second by Samantha Rainman. John Merullo abstains. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Minutes prepared by Ben Blanding, Clerk