Minutes of Vestry Meeting
March 18, 2025

Members present: Andy Durham, Tony Huffman, Eric Beam, Andrea Shiloh, Jeanne Sommerfeld, Ben Blanding, David Villarreal, Libby Tsubai, Lovette Browne, Samantha Rainman, Gladys Valles

Members absent: Patrick Humphreys

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

Clergy present: The Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero, Rector; The Reverend Maria Teresa Bautista-Berrios, Curate

Clergy absent:

Guests: none

After determining a quorum, the senior warden called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Property Status – The molding under the stain glass window has gotten wet and rotted. The molding has been replaced and the gutters outside above the rotten wood will also be replaced. There were some issues with the irrigation system in the Bishop's garden. The large door on the South side of the sanctuary has been a problem and needs repair. Currently, there is no latch, there is only a deadbolt. The Endowment Board agreed to pay for the replacement of the chillers. They have been ordered and once they arrive, it will take one work week to install. The ice machine had some calcium build up. We are going to replace the ice machine and have it professionally cleaned twice per year. Someone shot two bullets into the nursery. Two windows were broken. The damage has been cleaned up and the windows have been replaced. We've talked to the police and there were no other reported incidents during the time. Nothing showed up on the cameras.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Homeland Security Grant – Our application asked for about $195,000. The funding will be for the Fannin Street fence to be replaced. We've also asked for cameras to be funded and additional security. The next step is sign up for the federal application. Everything submitted was to the state.

Bering House Resolution – The Vestry discussed whether the Bering House should be included in the proposals created from Partners of Sacred Places. It was discussed that the Vestry should instruct Partners of Sacred Places to plan to use the land but not the building in their proposals.

Vestry Handbook Discussion (Chapter One) – Tony Huffman led a discussion regarding Chapter One of the Vestry Handbook. Ben Blanding will summarize Chapter 6 during the April meeting. Andy Durham will lead the discussion for Chapter 2 during the May meeting.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Sabbatical Preparation – The rector discussed the FAQ pamphlet with the vestry.

Asset Mapping Report Conversations – We held four meetings in February and March with the congregation. About 36 people attended. The rector summarized the items that were communicated during the conversations that were most important to people, what would create revenue, and what people were most enthusiastic about during the conversations.

Leadership and Growth –

Briefing on Endowment Board Meeting – Rector has put together expectations and a covenant for Endowment Board members to agree to moving forward. Edgar Marsten and Ken Snell resigned at the end of the last Endowment Board meeting.

Vestry Workday Scheduling – Vestry will have a workday on Saturday, September 6, 2025 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

Programs: Building Beloved Community – Scheduled for Saturday, March 29, 2025.

Lenten Offerings and Practices – Vestry are encouraged to attend the Lenten activities.

TREASURER'S REPORT

February Revenue:	$ 56,866.99
February Expenses:	$ 87,589.23

Resolutions:

1. Motion by Tony Huffman to approve the minutes of February 18, 2025, as presented; second Lovette Browne. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Andy Durham that the Vestry directs Partners for Sacred Places to direct their collaborators and to prepare their plans with the understanding that the Vestry intends for the Bering House to be removed and the property to be incorporated

into the plan; second by Samantha Rainman. Motion carried with a majority in favor, one vote no, and no abstentions.

3. Motion by Andy Durham to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2025 as presented; second by David Villarreal. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.
Minutes prepared by Ben Blanding, Clerk