

**ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
608 WEST JEFFERSON STREET  
TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI 38804**

**MINUTES OF  
MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022  
VESTRY MEETING**

**PRESENT:**

The Rev. Phillip Parker, Rector	Caleb Bedillion	
The Rev. Becca Walton, Curate	Karen Dieckmann	
Dinetia Newman, Sr. Warden		Kamme Riddle
Stephen King, Jr. Warden		
	Mickey Gray	Grant Smith
Harry Dieckmann, Ass't. Treasurer		Donna Timmons
Tommie Moore, Clerk		
Michelle Hester, CtK representative		

**ABSENT:** Mike Fitzpatrick, Cathy Fitzpatrick, Anna Fleming, Mark Maharrey, Joellen Murphree, Richard Pate, Margaret Anne Robbins

The Rev. Philip Parker called the meeting to order with a prayer at 6:04 p.m.

**CHECK IN**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Clarification of Curate Discretionary account funding
- Consider appointment of Susan Hyatt as chair of Servant Ministry

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- June 2022 Financial reports
- June 27, 2022 Vestry minutes
- July 11, 2022 Executive Committee minutes
- Christian Growth Commission report
- Jr. Warden's report

As an update to his report, Stephen advised he is working to find a better, more secure way to place the cross on the Chapel.

He reported he is working to find alternate ways to resurface the Nursery deck.

**MOTION:** (Timmons/Dieckmann)

Approve Consent Agenda as submitted and updated.

**APPROVED.**

## **CURATE'S REPORT**

Becca reported she has been trying to visit as many of our shut-ins as possible and following up on Care Team matters. She is working on a system for the clergy and office staff to stay updated on visits being made.

Becca reported there has been a good response to her "small fellowship groups" article in the weekly email. So far 15 parishioners have indicated an interest in being a part of one of the small groups when they are developed.

**MOTION:** (Newman/King)

Approve Curate's report as given.

**APPROVED.**

## **RECTOR'S REPORT**

Phillip reported he spent a very fulfilling week serving on the adult staff for Special Session II at Camp Bratton-Green.

Phillip noted the adult formation classes are continuing to meet and our average Sunday attendance appears to be stable.

Phillip advised he met with the staff earlier in the day for calendar planning for programs, events and services for the fall semester.

Phillip was very pleased to announce that Harry Dieckmann had agreed to serve as the EfM mentor for the 2022/2023 academic year. Harry will attend mentor training soon and registration for EfM students will open in early August.

Phillip reported eleven applications/resumes have been received for the Director of Saints' Brew position. A review of all resumes is underway and he hopes interviews will take place in early August. He stated that grant writing and recruiting of volunteers are important qualities in the next Director.

**MOTION:** (Timmons/Riddle)

Approve Rector's report as given.

**APPROVED.**

**MEDIATION IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE REPORT:** No report.

It was the consensus of the Vestry, since most of the work from the mediation agreements has either been completed or is ongoing, the Mediation Task Force report be removed from the monthly reports and semi-annual reports be submitted.

## **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Dinetia reported that Mary Jane Meadows is working on a timeline for the 2023 campaign. She also noted that banners have been placed outside advertising our services.

**MOTION:** (Timmons/Dieckmann)

Approve Stewardship Committee report as given.

**APPROVED.**

**SAFETY TASK FORCE:**

Phillip reported the Safety Task Force and its sub-committees have been meeting and working on identifying where all outside doors are located, what kind of locks they have, the type of keys which have been checked out to parishioners and the reasons those keys were given. He noted the committee will be studying the matter of a security presence on our campus in the coming weeks.

**MOTION:** (Bedillion/Timmons)

Approve Safety Task Force report as given.

**APPROVED.**

**BUSINESS:**

**Interim Treasurer's report**

A written financial report detailing our financial status as of June 30, 2022 was submitted and is attached to these minutes. Assistant Treasurer, Harry Dieckmann reported on behalf of our Interim Treasurer, Mike Fitzpatrick who was absent due to illness.

**Clarification of funding the Curate's Discretionary account**

Harry noted clarification was needed concerning the funding of the Curate's Discretionary account as noted in the June 27, 2022 Vestry minutes.

Tommie Moore read the motion from the June meeting:

*Approve opening a "Curate Discretionary Fund" account at Renasant bank, with The Rev. Becca Walton and Assistant Treasurer Harry Dieckmann as signers on the account. Reduce the Deacon's Discretionary Fund, line item 8203, to the minimum amount needed to keep the account open and transfer those funds from the Deacon's Discretionary Fund to the Curate's Discretionary Fund. Additional funds may be drawn from the following accounts: line item 8065 "Rector's Discretionary Account" and line item 8203 "Rector's Discretionary Fund".* Harry noted our bookkeeper needed clarification of who would be authorized to approve transferring the money from the Rector's accounts into the Curate's Discretionary account and the amount they would be able to transfer at one time. A discussion followed.

**MOTION:** (Bedillion/Timmons)

Should the Curate's Discretionary account need additional funds, authorize The Rev. Phillip Parker, Rector, to approve the transfer of funds to the Curate's account from line item 8065 "Rector's Discretionary Account" and line item 8203, "Rector's Discretionary Fund". The transfer should not reduce the overall funds below the minimum amount needed to be maintained in the Money Market account.

**APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** (Timmons/Newman)

Approved splitting the plate and non-pledge offering collected on the first Sunday of each month, with 50% going to the Rector's Discretionary account and 50% going to the Curate's Discretionary account.

**APPROVED.**

**Affirm receipt of framed print from the estate of Betty Lee Marshall**

**MOTION:** (Newman/Dieckmann)

The Vestry acknowledged with deep gratitude the generous gift of a Jean Thickers Cooper framed print from the estate of Betty Lee Marshall. The artwork will hang in the adult choir room.

**APPROVED.**

**Approve Susan Hyatt as chair of the Servant Ministry committee**

Tommie advised that Dawn Bean will be resigning as chair of the Servant Ministry committee in December and submitted Susan Hyatt for consideration as the new chair.

**MOTION:** (Newman/Dieckmann)

Approve Susan Hyatt as the new chair of the Servant Ministry committee.

**APPROVED.**

**CHECK-OUT**

**CLOSE:** With no further business, Phillip closed the Vestry meeting with a prayer at 7:02 p.m.

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING:**

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