

**The Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter**  
**VESTRY MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 21, 2023 at 6:30pm in Van Every 207**

Vestry Members Present: Carlyle Knox, Ed Gash, John Snelsire, Ann Binns, Kirt Hibbits, Joyce Bott, Mary Amos, Natalie Parker, Margaret Kahn, Bob Murphy (Virtual)

Vestry Members Absent: Jason Evans, Tom Cooke

Clergy Present: Fr. Greg Brown, Rev. Cat Connolly

Recording Secretary: Niki Manke

Guest: Karen Crane

1. Convene
  - a. Opening Prayer (Kirt Hibbits)
2. Agenda Approval - *APPROVED* with edits to dates on Item 10c of the agenda
3. Bible Study: 1Kings 19: 9-18
4. Elections/Appointments/Approvals
  - a. Recording Secretary – *Niki Manke elected as Recording Secretary*
5. Associate Rector's Report (Rev. Cat)
  - a. Rev. Cat performed her first funeral solo for a former member. She was very impressed with the Lazarus team and seeing it in action. She is heading to the Episcopal Parish Network in Jacksonville, FL in two weeks. Excited about the great speakers and looking forward to meeting people. Lent starts tomorrow. She is looking forward to leading Woman of Holy Week Book Club on Sundays. She will also be leading Taize and Cozy Compline. She and Sarah Cavins have decided to postpone racism training. She is also looking forward to going to the Parish Retreat. Fr. Greg has reached out to Rev. Reggie at Christ the King to cover during Parish Retreat.
6. Annual Giving Campaign Update – Received additional pledges. Looking for younger folk to assist.
7. Financial Report – Report given by Karen
  - a. Approved reallocation of funds to correct accounts.
  - b. A few budget options were discussed. Motion to make some changes and discuss further at the Vestry Retreat where new budget will be voted on.
8. Reflection - John Snelsire read the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.
9. Rector's Report (Greg) - learned how to upload to the shared drive.
  - a. Vestry Retreat (2/24-2/25)
  - b. Circle Group Updates
    - i. Quarterly Leadership meeting 2/8. Next one 5/4.
    - ii. CG-Leaders Appointments

1. cg-ARSI: Gail Fennimore - Leader; Tedd Roseberry - co-leader
  2. cg- Adult Spiritual Journeys: Greg Brown - leader; Mitzi Alexander - co-leader
  3. cg-Liturgy & Music: Greg Brown - leader; Patrick Pope - co-leader
- b. Staff & Leadership
  - b. La Misa.
  - b. Christian Formation
    1. Monthly "Christian Storytelling" class on the last Sunday of each month, using the book "Devotional Classics" as a foundation.
    2. The Lenten Movie Series kicks off on March 2, for all Thursdays in March. Theme: Transformation.
  - b. Camino Planning - 5/15 – 6/30. Have set up assistance for Rev. Cat while away.
  - b. Other
    - i. Attended the "Genesis II" program offered by the diocese on Saturday with Joyce Bott, Vicki Bott, and Beth Hardin.
10. Senior Warden's Report (Joyce Bott)
    - i. Approved funds for the Concert for the Human Family to be hosted here at Holy Comforter.
- b. Parochial Report on shared drive. Jason will sign off on Saturday. Joyce Bott and Greg Brown reviewed.
    11. Financial Forms - Jan 29 forum –
    12. Strategic Planning Group
  13. Junior Warden's Report (Carlyle Knox)
    - a. Parish Work Day is April 1
    - b. Keys & Vestry Name Tags
    - c. VPOD Schedule: not uploaded yet, but working on it.
  14. Facilities CG - Carlyle attended and asked Holly for potential upcoming costs. Old
  15. Business/Reminders
    - a. Tom Cooke BGG Speaker last week.
  - b. Ann Binns BGG Speaker 3/26.
  - c. Kirt found an error in January Minutes - 166 pledges in the amount 175k. He is to send edits to Joyce.
- i. MOTION (Ed) approve January Minutes with amendments; SECOND (Carlyle); APPROVED (Vestry)*
16. Closing Prayer (Kirt)

