

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting  
27 June 2023**

Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valarie Stanley – Sr. Warden  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Danisha Collins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darryl Huckaby  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bryant Grimes – Jr. Warden    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elnora Carroll  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George DeYounge |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Everson Smith – Treasurer     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eileen Esdaile  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna Johnson   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa W. Yarbor – Parish Clerk | <input type="checkbox"/> Jocelyn Freeman            |   |

Excused: J. Freeman

Absent:

Guests: Mary Freeman, Joseph Carroll

**Opening Prayer and Devotional**

Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m. with scripture reading selected by V. Stanley (prayer and devotional),

**Approval of Agenda**

Accepted as amended on a motion by G. DeYounge, 2<sup>nd</sup> E. Carroll.

- New Business – Church Picnic (B. Grimes)

**Acceptance of May 30, 2023 Minutes**

Accepted as presented on a motion by G. DeYounge, 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Johnson. Motion carried

**Treasurer's Report**

- Fund Balances as of May 2023 (reconciled): General Fund-\$3,556.89, Escrow-\$29,878.70, Citizens Money Market (MM)-\$40,025.76
- Fund Balances as of June 26, 2023 (unreconciled): General Fund-\$3,115.47, Escrow-\$29,455.51, Citizens Money Market (MM)-\$40,025.76
- Investments: per May 2023 statement \$751,390.37
- Current bills: \$7,037.33 (includes \$3,045.62 Diocesan Common Mission Support, formerly called Diocesan Pledge, \$2,489.10 Church Insurance).
- \$765.15 credit for Church Pension Fund (CPF) represents a reduction based on former Letter of Agreement with Fr. Jackson, based on change in his age.
- St. Luke's Development Corporation, St. Luke's Steel Band and St. Luke's Senior Housing should not be on the church insurance policy. This is a new insurance company with a different plan than we're used to. Per V. Stanley this will save us ~\$12K. They will be given 30 days' notice.

**Warden's Report**

V. Stanley reported the following activities:

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| May 31, 2023  | Attended Episcopal Church at Yale Governance Committee Meeting<br>Attended first training session with Alex Han re: livestreaming. Also present at that meeting were Lisa Yarbor and George DeYounge |
| June 1, 2023  | Attended Juneteenth Planning Meeting   |
| June 3, 2023  | Attended ECCT Racial Healing, Justice & Reconciliation Quarterly Networking Session at the Church of the Holy Trinity in Middletown  |
| June 6, 2023  | Attended ECCT Finance Committee Meeting<br>Attended ECCT Racial Healing, Justice & Reconciliation Core Team Meeting  |
| June 7, 2023  | Attended Meeting with ECCT Finance Department w/Bryant Grimes  |
| June 8, 2023  | Attended St. Luke's/Trinity Juneteenth Liturgy Conversation  |
| June 10, 2023 | Attended ECCT Mission Council Meeting at the Commons in Meriden  |
| June 16, 2023 | Attended Juneteenth Service and provided the Meditation  |
| June 20, 2023 | Attended the ECCT Iconography Project Ceremony at the Commons in Meriden   |
| June 21, 2023 | Attended Episcopal Church at Yale Governance Committee Meeting   |

- June 23, 2023 Attended Second training session w/Alex Han re: livestreaming. Also attending were Lisa Yarbor, Bryant Grimes, and George DeYounge
- June 25, 2023 Officiated Morning Prayer. My sermon was particularly geared to our graduating students and Edna Baker Carnegie Scholarship Award Recipients
- June 27, 2023 Met with Rev. Robert Bergner from Grace and St. John's and Yvette Barnard about their Food Truck.

B. Grimes had nothing to report.

**Unfinished Business**

- Updates on SMART Goals: None.

**New Business**

- Community Healing Network (CHN) New Permanent Executive Director: G. DeYounge reported the new ED, effective immediately, is Dr. Laurena White. Enola Aird has stepped down from this position after 17 years of leadership.
- Director of Music: Search continues. Fr. Jackson forwarded an email to Lisa from someone interested in the position.

**Roundtable**

- Eileen – Are rental prices on website? No. Once they've been finalized they will be.
- Darryl – Would we list prices for rental on website? Shouldn't this information come from Gus Haywood? Need to upload pictures.

**Public Comments**

- Joseph Carroll – looking for volunteers to go out and give communion on Tuesday 9:30 (Gloria Williams in Branford and another parishioner in Wallingford). Ushers – he came to church at 9:50 and there were no ushers at the door. If someone from the vestry is in charge please have them come early. Bereavement fund line item in escrow account – how is that dispersed? This should not be in escrow account. Is the church going to do something as a token to Laura Richling for her injuries? She has relatives and friends that are taking care of her needs and choir members have been calling/emailing on a regular basis.
- Mary Freeman – where is money from the 2<sup>nd</sup> offering designated to go? Can the designated parking signs in the parking lot be taken down and lines be redone?

Meeting moved into Executive Session at 8:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned with at 8:30 p.m. on a Motion by G. DeYounge, 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Collins

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa W. Yarbor, Parish Clerk