

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting  
30 May 2023**

Present:

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

Excused: E. Esdaile, D. Huckaby, E. Smith

Absent:

Guests: Mary Freeman, Onica Victory

**Opening Prayer and Devotional**

Meeting called to order at 6:07 p.m. with prayer for Laura Richling and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, by Fr. Jackson, and reading of Dwelling in the Word, read by D. Collins and E. Carroll.

**Approval of Agenda**

Accepted as amended on a motion by D. Collins, 2<sup>nd</sup> V. Stanley,

- New Business – Church Picnic (B. Grimes)

**Acceptance of April 25, 2023 Minutes**

Accepted pending clarification from Fr. Jackson on a motion by E. Carroll, 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Collins

**Treasurer's Report**

- Fund Balances as of April 2023 (reconciled): General Fund-\$ 6,929.21, Escrow-\$ 31,873.47, Citizens Money Market (MM)-\$ 40,024.06
- Fund Balances as of May 29, 2023 (unreconciled): General Fund-\$ 4,021.17, Escrow-\$ 29,978.44, Citizens Money Market (MM)-\$ 40,024.06
- Investments: per April 2023 statement \$ 763,364.71
- Current bills: \$ 7,377.99 (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 new Letter of Agreement with Fr. Jackson, based on change in his age.

**Warden's Report**

V. Stanley reported the following activities for April/May:

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| April 30, 2023 | Attended Episcopal Church at Yale Annual meeting, Eucharist and Dinner   |
| May 2, 2023    | Attended meeting at The Commons with Fr. Jackson, Lucy LaRocca. Canon Tim Hodapp, and Bishop Laura Ahrens to discuss St. Luke's future           |
| May 2, 2023    | Attended ECCT Racial Healing, Justice & Reconciliation Core Team Meeting   |
| May 4, 2023    | Attended ECW Annual Luncheon at Aqua Turf Club. Fr. Jackson was also in attendance. St. Luke's had three tables of attendees!                    |
| May 4, 2023    | Attended a Josephine Jarvis Gray Senior Housing Meeting in person for the first time since the pandemic.   |
| May 10, 2023   | Attended Monthly Wardens/PIC Meeting   |
| May 11, 2023   | Attended a Meeting concerning Church Insurance for SLDC with Bryant Grimes, Matt Handi, ECCT Operations Manager and Adam Cowing, SLDC's attorney |
| May 12, 2023   | Attended St. Luke's Fish Fry   |
| May 18, 2023   | Attended Workshop by Christena Cleveland at Christ Church Cathedral.   |
| May 28, 2023   | Attended Meeting with Alex Hahn, Bryant Grimes, George DeYounge, and Lisa Yarbor to begin discussions about live streaming                       |

B. Grimes had nothing to report.

### **Priest-in-Charge Report (submitted via email)**

- Bible study group met 3-4 times this month; summer break starts this Friday.
- Attended ECCT ECW Luncheon and St. Luke's Fish Fry
- Attended ECCT Clergy Conference
- Conducted baptismal prep class
- Attended 2 ECCT planning sessions for Middletown Pride Parade this Saturday
- Tomorrow is the last weekday Morning Prayer service for the summer.
- Onica Victory will be our summer musician
- Final Sunday is Father's Day, May 19th. St. Luke's is free to call new rector.
- Guidelines for use of facilities need to be developed.
- Will be on vacation week of 6/4 and 6/11 and then no longer here after 6/30. Enjoyed his time with us and will be observing the guidelines for leaving.
- Praised Joseph Carroll for his gift in the Eucharistic Visitors ministry. Hopefully he can get others involved.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Updates on SMART Goals: V. Stanley passed along D. Huckaby's report on the Men's Club Senior Services event "Preparing for the Golden Years; Essential Tools and Tips", held on 5/20. Per G. DeYounge it was a success, with ~30 participants. Panel included speakers on Law, Finances, Wills, Howard K. Hill, Alzheimer's Assoc. Participants wanted to know if there was going to be follow-up, so they plan to hold the event again in the fall and encourage more young people to participate. D. Johnson suggested having Yvette Barnard's sister participate.

### **New Business**

- Fish Fry: D. Johnson reported \$1065.00 was raised to support Community Day. V. Stanley stated she is in favor of doing it once a month if they're interested. Community Day is 8/19. Onica Victory asked if there are more resources for funding or are we only relying on the fish fry. Fr. Jackson stated fish fries can build community, not just within the church. Jean walker and Crystal Johnson also assisted.
- Church Picnic: Per B. Grimes we're hoping to hold the picnic on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in July. Linda Jackson had asked if we are going to have a picnic this year. Motion by D. Collins, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. DeYounge to hold the annual picnic. V. Stanley stated there needs to be a committee.

### **Roundtable**

- Valarie – St. Luke's/Trinity Church Juneteenth service is 6/16 at Villano Park (Mill Rock Park) from 5:30-7:00. Top That Bar-b-que is expected to cater.
- Donna – how soon can we rent the parish hall for fundraisers. It's available immediately; reach out to Gus Haywood.

### **Public Comments**

- Mary Freeman – where is money from the 2<sup>nd</sup> offering designated to go? Can the signs in the parking lot be taken down and lines be redone?

Meeting adjourned with at 7:13 p.m. on a Motion by D. Collins, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Freeman

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa W. Yarbor, Parish Clerk

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# ST LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## *Dwelling in the Word*

### **Process: Dwelling in the Word**

Acknowledge the presence of God's Spirit in your midst. Pray for the gifts of attentiveness and generosity. Listen well for what the Spirit may be encouraging you to hear. Listen well, when appropriate, to what the Spirit has told others in your midst. Do not look for answers. Live with the questions that arise. Listen to the reading twice. The second time, notice where you stop, and think about:

1. What word or phrase or image is God calling you to notice?
2. What might God be nudging you to try or imagine as you read or hear this passage?

### **Matthew 28:16-20**

28:16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

28:17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

28:20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."