

# Vestry Meeting 12/14/23

## Attendance

Angela Breeher, Darian Wigfall, Rebecca Ragland, Richard Byrne, Tom Schroeder, Justin Vitale, Karen Watts  
Absent- James Ammon, Lauren Renshaw

## Asking the questions & Opening Prayer

RR 5 Minutes

## Fundamentals

RR

2 Minutes

- Remember our covenant items:

**I will be on time and support ending on time.**

**I will stay focused on the task at hand.**

Remember: if it isn't on the agenda, it's not on the table for discussion – write it down and submit it for next time. We don't want to miss things, but we need to stay on target to honor everyone's time.

- Appoint a volunteer to keep time and keep us on topic

### **Action Items:**

- Read/review November meeting minutes
- Motion to approve December's agenda- Angela, seconded by Karen. All aye.
- Approve November meeting minutes
  - Motion to approve by Richard, seconded by Tom. All aye.
- Agenda items for this meeting:
  - Report on sidewalk situation and plan of attack
    - Little Garden Scapes gave an estimate around \$2000. Looking for one or more additional bids.
  - Heigham House Update
    - Plumbing could be up to \$6,000. General contractor had rough estimate of \$7,200 and 10 days for all work needed for occupancy- stated all plumbing would not need to be done for occupancy since it is not a full remodel (Solid Contracting). Will send punch list to Darian by end of week. Seeking another bid.
    - Status of lease approval with Standing Committee is unknown. Appears there is a bit of a backlog. Current thought is when we are ready for occupancy we move forward regardless of approval and make updates to lease for the following year if needed.
  - Thank you notes to sign: Canon Whitney, Arv and Judy Metcalf, John Harris, Peter and Jane Conrad
  - Unexpected gift and possible Piano Purchase
    - \$1000 donation of undesignated funds. Cost to move piano on Craigslist is \$350. First tuning is \$75, afterwards \$120.
    - Areas of discussion- cost to move and tune as regular recurring expenses

- Potential idea of using church space for 4 shows a year with an up-and-coming artist. Artist uses space and ability to live stream at no charge. Sell tickets and split with artist. Opportunity of growing space as a rentable venue for concerts. (piano would be helpful)
  - Motion to table discussion for future discernment by Richard. Seconded by Justin. All aye.
- Photos of the Sanctuary and ideas about how to proceed with discernment
  - Discussion focused on taking small steps. Starting with pews.
- Heat pump bid from Hoffmann, etc
  - Two bids (\$95,000 and \$85,000 difference being 2 or 1 handlers). Would also require work to dig out crawl space and remove/replace pipes, electrical, and carpentry work)
- Seliga Boiler / Heat pump bid results
  - Should provide bids for boiler replacement, high-efficiency boiler replacement, and heat pump by Christmas.
- Vestry nominations
  - Ed Rahe
  - Laura Shields (had mentioned being not being a member of the church, but may qualify as a communicant in good standing)
  - Maddie Nador
  - Rebecca and Karen to reach out.
- Delegate nominations
  - Eric and/or AnDrea Loomis
  - Rebecca and Karen to reach out.
- November financials

**Reports:**

**Rector's Report - RR      5 Minutes**  
**Treasurer - TS      5 Minutes**

**Future Decisions:                      30 Minutes**

**Budget Proposal for 2024 – TS (for Exec Committee)**

- Defer until next month in advance of Annual Meeting (last Sunday in January)

**Old Business**

Karen moves to dismiss meeting. Tom seconds, all aye.

Next Meeting January 11, 2024