

**Sunday, September 10, 2023**  
**Episcopal Church of the Atonement Vestry Meeting Minutes**  
Final – Approved October 8, 2023

Time: Sunday, September 10, 2023, 1:04 p.m. to 2:03 p.m.  
Location: In-Person at Church of the Atonement and via Google Meet  
Present: Father Charles Everson (Rector), Dave Beil (Warden), Amanda Kim (Warden), Natalie Archie (Google Meet), Jennifer Ash, Richard Benson, Charles Bonilla, Ann Cassidy, Rufus Gonzales, Aaron Johnson, Amanda Patrick, Rick Velon, Mike Trumbold (Treasurer), Michael Waltz (Clerk)  
Absent: No one  
Guests: Dennis Pattey-Warner, and Stewardship Guild members Evie Coe, Sena Leikvold, and Nathan Walbert

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 8, 2023, 1:00 p.m. in-person at Church of the Atonement and via Google Meet.

Dave Beil (Warden) called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Aaron Johnson offered a prayer followed by a check-in question.

Review of August Meeting Minutes: **A motion was made** (Charles Bonilla) **and seconded** (Amanda Patrick) to approve the minutes. With no discussion or questions **the motion passed** unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

*August Statement of Financial Position:* Mike Trumbold reported that \$317 was spent from the Columbarium Money Market to pay for nameplates. One-thousand dollars was spent from the Education Fund for Sunday School supplies and to take the youth group to Six Flags. Increases in the Endowment Fund from a memorial for Father Bice and interest earned was offset by a negative market adjustment of \$49,599. *A copy of the full report is attached to these minutes.*

*August Statement of Activity:* Mike said Other Fundraising Events such as home concerts, dinners, the pride event, and the block party raised more than \$18,000. Outreach income of \$5,335 was donations to Chiapas and Backpacks to School and from an Episcopal Charities' grant to help with the Community Needs Assessment Outreach is doing with ECRA. Parking is above budget for the month and year-to-date, and net revenue is almost on budget for the year. We spent \$2,487 for Building Services and Repairs for the removing some carpeting and repairing floors in the Rectory. Other Fundraising Expenses of \$1,395 were for the block party; expenses are still coming in so the final accounting will be at the October meeting. Hospitality expenses of \$699 were for receptions following masses on Father's first Sunday. *A copy of the full report is attached to these minutes.*

**A motion was made** (Ann Cassidy) **and seconded** (Aaron Johnson) to receive the financials. With no discussion or questions **the motion passed** unanimously.

Rector's Housing Allowance: After Mike Trumbold reminded the Vestry that federal tax law allows clergy to designate a portion of their salary as housing allowance for tax purposes and that the designation has no impact on Atonement's budget **a motion was made** (Jennifer Ash) **and seconded** (Richard Benson) that for fiscal year 2023 the Vestry designates \$4,000 from Father Charles' annual compensation as a housing allowance.

Buildings and Property Guild/S4

A written report was provided prior to the meeting. Dave Beil thanked Vestry members for providing the information he needed for the Climate Infrastructure Fund grant. The necessary Elevate assessment is pending

and will take about six weeks to complete. The current ramp is getting some repairs. The proposed new ramp is on hold because of a lack of funds; the Guild continues to look for funding and has contacted Senator Duckworth's office to see if they can help locate a source. Dave Albin will see if a plumber can install the needed water meter in the Parish House to reduce the water bill. After a discussion about small repairs that are needed soon **a motion was made** (Ann Cassidy) **and seconded** (Rick Velon) to receive the Guild's report. With no further discussion or questions **the motion passed** unanimously. *A copy of the full report is attached to these minutes.*

### Other Reports

*Outreach:* A written report provided prior to the meeting summarized the Guild's activities last month. The Chiapas scholarship campaign was very successful with Atonement raising \$2,000; this was above goal and helped offset some lower responses from other involved parishes. The Swift school supply drive was also very successful and Swift employees were grateful for the variety of donations. The Guild continues to look for ways to work with other organizations to help asylum seekers housed at the Broadway Armory.

*Care For Friends:* Ann Cassidy's written report updated the Vestry on progress on the group's planned community center, and on CFF's September benefit. The number of meals being served at Atonement increased significantly in August with some of the growth coming from the Broadway Armory asylum seekers. Volunteers continue to assist qualified meal attendees monthly with Medicaid eligibility, housing, and jobs.

*Stewardship Campaign:* The Guild (Charles Bonilla, Evie Coe, Sena Leikvold, and Nathan Walbert) discussed their planned theme, which is "Room at the Table," and agreed to talk with 6018|North to make sure there is no conflict with their use of "One Long Table" for the block party. After discussion it was determined that the campaign will begin on Sunday October 29th with the gathering of pledges on November 19th.

*Parish Life Guild:* Richard Benson reported that the Guild will be assisting with a pot luck meal after the pet blessing on October 1. In response to a question Amanda Kim said it's being determined who will lead the reception following Father Charles' installation.

### Other Business for Future

Amanda Kim encouraged Vestry members to consider assisting Sunday School teachers for at least one day to acquaint them with the children attending and materials used in classes.

Father Charles said that Deacon Scott Elliott will be heading up a lay pastoral team.

Dates for Calendar:      Open call for St. Cecilia Choir rehearsal – September 20, 6:30 p.m.  
Climate Infrastructure Fund grant deadline, Stage 2 – September 29  
First Evensong of the season – October 4, 7:00 p.m.  
Next Vestry Meeting – October 8

The meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m. following a blessing by Father Charles.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michael Waltz*  
*Clerk of the Vestry*