

Sunday, August 13, 2023
Episcopal Church of the Atonement Vestry Meeting Minutes
Final – Approved September 10, 2023

Time: Sunday, August 13, 2023, 1:03 p.m. to 2:11 p.m.
Location: In-Person at Church of the Atonement and via Google Meet
Present: Dave Beil (Warden), Jennifer Ash, Richard Benson (via Google Meet), Charles Bonilla, Ann Cassidy, Rufus Gonzales, Aaron Johnson, Amanda Patrick (via Google Meet), Rick Velon, Mike Trumbold (Treasurer), Michael Waltz (Clerk)
Absent: Amanda Kim (Warden), Natalie Archie
Guest: Dennis Pattey-Warner

Next Meeting: Sunday, September 10, 1:00 p.m. – in-person at Church of the Atonement and via Google Meet.

Dave Beil (Warden) called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Charles Bonilla posed a check-in question followed by a prayer.

Review of July Meeting Minutes: **A motion was made** (Ann Cassidy) **and seconded** (Rick Velon) to approve the minutes. With no discussion or questions **the motion passed** with one abstention (Rufus Gonzales).

Treasurer's Report:

July Statement of Financial Position: The only significant issue in July, according to Mike Trumbold, was the Endowment Fund, which increased by \$62,064 because of a gift in memory of Frank Surge and a significant market adjustment. *A copy of the full report is attached to these minutes.*

July Statement of Activity: Mike said that Other Fundraising for the month was \$7,080, bringing the year-to-date amount to \$16,930; this income is from house concerts and dinners, the pride event, and the block party. Outreach income of \$1,060 was from donations to Chiapas scholarships and Backpacks to School. Weekly offerings for July were under budget but total revenue for the month was over budget by nearly \$7,000. Expenses for July included \$500 for soloists and \$3,170 for Assisting Clergy who are paid in the absence of a Rector. Health Savings Account payments were made for Father Dan for July and for Matt Rodgers for the quarter. Most Search Committee expenses have been paid, leaving them currently under budget by \$2,658. In all, July expenses were very close to budget. *A copy of the full report is attached to these minutes.*

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

Buildings and Property Guild/S4

Dave Beil reported that he and Richard Benson are requesting a proposal from Elevate for the professional energy audit needed for the Climate Infrastructure Fund grant; they will also be exploring the solar project with Elevate. Elevate has considerable experience working with the city, which should make the process easier. The cost for the assessment, which will be used to determine what projects we undertake, will be reimbursed by the city. The Guild will wait to get a cost estimate for the ramp until a funding source is secured. Several funding options weren't successful but the Guild will follow up with elected officials to see if they can help. We didn't receive funds from Episcopal Charities for the composting proposal so that is on hold until we find funding. The Columbarium expansion will be pursued when the CD matures later this year. Matt Rodgers has prepared an illustration and preliminary cost estimates for converting the previously flooded part of the basement into a meeting space. The Vestry will consider the project at a later meeting. Dave also reported that the Guild will

explore a historic designation for the church to see if we can benefit from that. *A copy of the full report is attached to these minutes.*

Other Reports

Outreach: A written report was provided to the Vestry prior to the meeting. Care for Real is seeking volunteers and donations to address the needs of the migrants who are housed in the area. Atonement had a group of volunteers for Care For Friends “5th Saturday” and the Guild will continue to check on additional needs. Both groups will have tables at the block party to promote their activities. The campaign for Chiapas scholarships and Swift School supplies are near goal. The Guild is also exploring a trip to Chiapas.

Block Party: Rufus Gonzales reported that almost everything is set and most of the volunteer slots have been filled. At a meeting later today the committee will discuss a contingency plan in case of rain.

Parish Life Guild: Richard Benson reported that there was a very successful regathering of the Church as Transformation participants; the regathering included some parishioners who were unable to attend the full program. After discussion it was agreed that the fall potluck meal will be separate from the Pet Blessing. Richard also reported on the meeting for Care For Friends that he attended. There was some discussion of a possible extension of their lease with Atonement. A couple of board members mentioned a need for more Atonement volunteers and we will work with the Outreach Guild to determine if and when they are needed.

Other Business for Future

It was suggested that the Vestry review the Search Committee’s response to questions raised by the Vestry to determine if some of what was found during the process might be beneficial to share with the congregation. Dave Beil will speak with the co-chairs to see if we can arrange a time when the Vestry and the Committee can meet together to discuss the topic.

Dates for Calendar: Block Party – August 26
 New Rector’s first Sunday – August 27
 Next Vestry Meeting – September 10

The meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m. following a prayer by Charles Bonilla.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Waltz
Clerk of the Vestry