

St. Titus' Vestry Meeting
April 28, 2024
2:30 pm
Via Zoom

Attendees: Lionell Parker, Ken Valentine, Paula Estes, Dwight Peebles, Vickie Miller, Elizabeth Lippincott, Spike Yancey, Robin Furges, Rev. Valerie Mayo.

Having a quorum the meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm.

Agenda - After opening prayer, the Vestry reviewed the meeting agenda. No changes were made.

Motion – Paula Estes
Second – Dwight Peebles
Approved – Unanimous

Previous Minutes – Previous Minutes from March 17th Vestry meeting and follow-up meeting notes with the Bishops on April 14th were discussed.

Motion made to approve March Minutes and April notes with amendment – Paula Estes
Second – Dwight Peebles
Approved- Unanimous

***Brief Bible Study** – Rev. Mayo asked Vestry to provide feedback on scripture

***Debrief** – Members provided reflections of the previous week's events/Rev. Mayo's installation service.

***Funeral Planning Policy** – Vickie Miller updated the Vestry of the draft policy. The draft will be sent to the Vestry for their initial review and feedback. The planning committee will meet before the next Vestry meeting to move toward approval.

Safe Church Training- A time will be set up for the Vestry to take the training together. It is a requirement for Vestry and others who work with St. Titus' Ministries to take the training.

***Bishop's Ball Update** – Vickie Miller provided an update of the status of the racial event since the last meeting with the Vestry and the Black Congregations.

Treasurer's Report – Junior Warden, Lionell Parker, provided update and mentioned that James Barnes has taken over as Treasurer beginning April 1st. The balance as of date is \$288,869. Income for first quarter is \$71,534 and expenses are \$54,000.

Motion made to receive the Treasurer's report – Vickie Miller
Second – Ken Valentine
Approved - Unanimous

***Junior Warden Report**

*Presented as information only

- **Violet Park Cemetery/Wolfs Den** – Junior Warden Parker provided a status update of the cemetery. It is recommended that St. Titus' conduct its own review to identify the people who are laid to rest there.
- **Building/Grounds Improvement** – Letters were mailed to the landscaping and cleaning companies to about current/future contracting. Painting and changing of lights have been completed. Plans to clean the Columbarium is under consideration (identifying the best way do so without causing damage).
- **Tax Repayment** – Durham County has agreed to repay St. Titus' the taxes paid in 2023. Junior Warden Lionell Parker is working with County staff on settlement terms.
- **Keypad Access** – New keys/keypad access will be explored due to safety concerns.

***Rector's Report**

- **CC Spaulding Elementary** - Rev. Mayo attended field day events on April 26th. She encourages Parishioners to also attend events at the school and engage in other opportunities as much as possible. Preparations for Teacher Appreciation are being made. Interested Parishioners must complete SafeChurch training and required volunteer approvals through the Durham Public Schools
- **NCCU Campus Ministries** - Rev. Mayo has been invited to be a Campus Chaplin. She had a meeting with the University recently about ongoing and future needs.
- **General Convention** – Rev. Mayo will attend the Gala.
- **Outreach** – Continuing outreach to increase the various ministries in ongoing.

Upcoming Events – Provided an overview of the upcoming events through Fall 2024. The list to ride the bus to Topsail Island is filling up. Achievement Sunday is June 2nd and celebration of Ms. Patterson's 102nd birthday. Parishioners are invited to provide achievements to Rev. Mayo as soon as possible. July 10th is the Pauli Murray service. Plans are in the works for the Truth-telling service on September 15th.

Consistent Vestry Representation at Services – Requested that Vestry Members provide consistent attendance at services, both 8:30 and 10:30 am services.

Motion to adjourn at 5:30 pm

Next meeting - May 19, 2024 at 2:30 pm