

November 21, 2022 Vestry Meeting

Sam Ferguson, Rector, shared reflections from the recent Synod, noting that it was Bishop John Guernsey's last Synod and Bishop-elect Chris Warner's first Synod. He provided an update on church plants in the diocese. It was noted that All Souls Anglican is the grateful recipient of sound equipment from TFCA. Sam also provided an update on the most recent membership class of 59 members.

Jeanne Domenech, Chair of the Vestry Nomination and Election Committee, provided an update on the vestry election process. A resolution regarding the time of the Annual Meeting and approval of online voting passed by voice vote.

Curt Yeo, Executive Director, provided an update on the annual pledge drive and Commitment Sunday, noting that there was an increase in pledges and total annual pledge amounts from the previous year.

George Connor, Treasurer, noted that revenue in September was lower than expected. He also noted that revenue for the month of October exceeded budget by 15%. Compared to this time last year, total contributions for October 2022 are 25% greater than those received last year.

Harold Dobbs provided a report from the Finance Committee recommending more reporting about TFCA's financial results. Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate timing of updates and the means of communication. Harold said he would take this information back to the Finance Committee.

Peggy Aderton, Register, presented the minutes from the October 17th vestry meeting. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Morna Comeau and Whit Jordan presented the Wardens' Report. Morna noted that she and her husband visited Grace Anglican Church in White Post, VA, on the occasion of their first service in their new building. Patrick Ware, Grace Anglican's Rector, shared his thanks for TFCA's support over the years.

Whit thanked the vestry for approving via email the Outreach Committee's recommendation to provide relief for famine in Kenya and requested that the vestry ratify the vote. The ratification passed by unanimous voice vote. He provided an update on the Synod, including sharing remarks from Bishop Guernsey about his reflection and correction. Whit presented a resolution honoring Bishop Guernsey and approving a gift towards the Bishop's retirement fund. The resolution passed by voice vote.

Whit presented a resolution to approve clergy housing allowances for 2023. The resolution passed by voice vote.

Whit reported that he had received a recommendation John Bottimore, Chair of the Outreach Committee, regarding the Thanksgiving special offering. John recommended the Thanksgiving offering be given to the Anglican church in Uganda to provide relief due to the Ebola outbreak crisis. The recommendation passed by voice vote.

Kelly Mc Fadden, Chair of the Governance Committee, presented a memo with accompanying resolutions regarding changes to committee resolutions. The resolutions passed by voice vote.

Curt Yeo presented the Executive Director's report, noting that the church's branding and visual design team recently attended TFCA's worship services and met with parishioners and church leadership. He also provided an update on the church's approach to livestreaming. Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate approach to and role of livestreaming as well as costs, benefits, personnel, and challenges involved. Sam emphasized the need for connection as we gather in the Body, the Ecclesia.