

October 17, 2023 Vestry Meeting

Sam Ferguson, Rector, opened by reading from Matthew 16:17. He then read an excerpt from a Jonathan Edwards sermon in which Edwards asked the question: what does this passage mean? He said the Word is a dead letter unless the Spirit breathes through it.

Sam provided a brief update on the staff who are starting this Fall and noted that the Fellows Program is going well so far this year.

Kathleen Christopher, Director of Healing Prayer, provided a report on her sabbatical. During her sabbatical, Kathleen attended a memorial service for a Bible scholar and friend, served on the ministry team for Ken Fish, toured Scotland and England, met with clergy in Chapel Hill, NC, and spent additional time in reflection and rest.

George Connors, Treasurer, presented the financial report. He noted that the church ended fiscal year 2023 with total revenue of \$8,239,180 and total expenses of \$7,612,278. September 2023 contributions of \$465,331 were below budgeted revenue by \$62,919.

Scott Thompson, Vestry member on the Outreach Committee, presented the committee's recommendation to financially support Tyndale Christian School. Discussion ensued regarding the plans for the school. The Vestry approved the Outreach Committee's recommendation.

Whit Jordan, Senior Warden, presented a resolution for Michael Weeks' housing allowance. The resolution was previously approved via email and presented to the Vestry for ratification. The Vestry ratified the resolution.

Peggy Aderton, Register, presented the Sept. 19 and Oct. 3 minutes for approval. The Vestry approved the minutes.

Peggy presented an update on the VNEC process.

Kristen Short, Junior Warden, provided a short overview of the recent newcomers reception. She also noted that the women's ministry was studying Acts which aligns well with the current sermon series. She noted that the church would be hiring a pastor of missions and encouraged the Vestry to pray for that person.

Whit noted the Outreach Committee's report of funding requests below \$5,000.

Whit also presented an amended resolution to the previously approved list of lay delegates. The amended resolution was previously approved via email and presented to the Vestry for ratification. The Vestry ratified the amended resolution.

Whit provided an update on security for the parking garage and Sunday morning security. The church is now contracting with Blue Raven for security.

Curt Yeo, Executive Director, met with Mike Seawright, pastor of a new DOMA church plant. He noted that the church would be requesting two officers for Sunday morning as they can assist with traffic control. The church will be using security officers from the private firm for other services.