



Sharing Christ's Love

3 Chevy Chase Circle
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Vestry Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2023
July 28, 2023

ATTENDANCE

x	Kevin Wrege-'26 <i>Senior Warden</i>	x	Carrie Clark Carlson – '24	x	Rev. BJ Buracker <i>Interim Rector</i>
x	Dan Buckingham-'26 <i>Junior Warden</i>	x	Liza Cole – '25	x	Rev. Matthew Kozlowski <i>Associate Rector</i>
x	Michael Petrucelli – '24	x	Catherine Eshelman – '25 <i>Secretary</i>		Lois McDonald <i>Parish Administrator</i>
x	Mark Pelesh – '24 <i>Treasurer</i>	x	Susan Awad-'24		Teri Ballou <i>Communications Director</i>
x	Beryl Scott-'26	x	Robert Roop – '25		Nacole Hillman <i>ASC Business Mgr</i>
x	Hugh Webster-'26 <i>Assistant Treasurer</i>		Nick Thompson <i>Prager Metis</i>		
x	Jennifer Sirangelo-'25		Rev. Zacher Bayonne <i>Deacon</i>		

An x denotes that the individual was present, while an empty box denotes absence.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY / ACTIONS AT A GLANCE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✍ A quorum was present ✍ Review and approval of minutes ✍ Election of remaining officers ✍ Treasurer's report ✍ Rector's report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✍ Reports from Clergy in attendance ✍ Old and new business ✍ Appointment of Endowment Committee members ✍ Calling of New Rector ✍ Closing prayer and adjournment
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DETAILS OF THE MEETING

Prayer for Wisdom, Guidance and Grace

Father Matthew Kozlowski

A quorum being present, Father BJ called the meeting to order at 6:59pm, and opened the meeting in prayer.

Scripture Reflection

Father BJ Buracker

Father BJ offered a reflection on Psalm 1.

Presentation of Minutes

Catherine Eshelman

The minutes of the June 20, 2023 Vestry meeting were presented for approval. Drafts of the minutes, as well as the attachments referenced within the minutes, were circulated in advance of the meeting. After a motion duly made and seconded, the members of the Vestry voted to approve the following:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the June 20, 2023 Vestry meeting are hereby approved at this meeting, and the Vestry directed that such minutes be placed on file along with the Parish records of the other meetings of the Vestry. These minutes will be made publicly available.

Executive Session

The Vestry went into executive session from 7:07 to 9:20 pm.

Appointment of Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Father BJ Buracker

Father BJ reported that the Vestry needs to elect four delegates and two alternates to the Diocesan Convention in January. In light of time constraints, this action will be taken by email at a later date.

Election of Remaining 2023-24 Officers

Father BJ Buracker

Father BJ reported that the following individuals accepted his request to serve as officers of the Vestry:

- Greg Pugh—Assistant Junior Warden
- Mary Lee Kingsley—Assistant Secretary
- Edward Neufville—Chancellor

The Vestry approved the three nominees.

Treasurer's Report

Mark Pelesh

Mark reported that it was customary to approve a housing allowance for all clergy. In lieu of providing a rectory, we normally exclude a portion of clergy income as an allowance to defray the cost of housing.

Mark offered a motion to exclude \$3334 a month from Rev Bayonne's salary for tax purposes for this year and future years. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mark reported that the Endowment Committee met and reviewed the policies and guidelines and authorized a \$100,000 draw on the Endowment for this year.

He also reported that Rich Holland and Mark Leahy are stepping down from the committee and we will need to appoint two new members. Rick Rolandi will serve as Chair of the Committee, and Eric Fedowitz as Vice Chair.

Mark reported that the financials improved in June. There is a small deficit in the Vestry account, and a surplus in the combine account. Revenue is lagging slightly behind, and expenses are on track. We are doing much better than this time last year.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35

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Updates from Interim Rector

Father BJ Buracker

Following a prayer for wisdom, Father BJ opened the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Father BJ reported that new vestry members should have gotten an email from Ellen Kroger regarding SafeGuarding training. Existing members do not need to retake the training.

He also reported that our business manager Nacole Hillman resigned on Wednesday. Matilda and Ellen have willingly stepped up to fill in for her.

Bishop Budde is scheduled to visit All Saints on November 19 as part of her regular pastoral rotation. There will be a combined service in the Nave, and she will complete the confirmations that were interrupted after Bishop Little's injury.

Finally, Father BJ requested that the vestry consider moving its meetings from the third Tuesday in the month to the fourth. This would allow our Treasurer and accountants more time to collect and complete the monthly financials in advance of the meeting. He will send an email to the group requesting availability once people have had a chance to look at their calendars.

New Members for the Endowment Committee**Mark Pelesh**

Mark presented two names for consideration to fill the vacancies on the Endowment Committee left by Rich Holland and Mark Leahy. He presented background information on the two candidates: Colin Dove and Kim Sims. He then offered a motion to appoint these two candidates to two year terms so as to stagger the membership terms of the Committee. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Rector Search Decision**Kevin Wrege, Senior Warden**

Following a prayer by Father Matthew to guide the vestry's deliberations, Kevin began the discussion by summarizing the process that led to consideration of Father James Larkin Pahl of St Michael's Episcopal Church in Raleigh, NC to be the next Rector of All Saints Church. The search took place over two years, and involved the input of three vestries and three search committees.

Father Matthew and Father BJ reported on their impressions of Father Pahl.

Catherine Eshelman offered a motion to call Father James Larkin Pahl to be the next rector of All Saints Church. The motion was seconded by Carrie Clark.

Each member of the vestry was given an opportunity to share his or her opinions about Father Pahl.

Following the discussion, a voice vote was held, on the following motion:

RESOLVED: We the vestry do hereby call Father James Larkin Pahl to be the next rector of All Saints church.

Eleven members voted in favor of calling Father Pahl, and one member abstained. The motion was approved.

Kevin reminded the group that the decision is not final until background checks are completed, and our offer letter is accepted. He requested that the decision be kept private until these steps are complete and we have coordinated the announcement with Father Pahl's church in Raleigh.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Action Items**All**

There are no action items currently.

No.	Action Items	Lead	Date Assigned	Target Date
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