

MINUTES OF THE  
VESTRY OF SEVERN PARISH  
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
April 17, 2023

VESTRY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS PRESENT

Reverend Victor Hailey, Rector  
Sue Hoge, Stewardship Chair

David Ani (2025)  
Sharon Antonelli (2023)  
Benjamin Brown, Registrar &  
Diocesan Delegate (2025)  
Andrew Carta (2023)  
Jim Dietrich, Assistant Treasurer &  
Alternate Diocesan Delegate (2024)  
David Johnson (2024)  
Carol McNemar, Cemetery Administrator (2025)  
Beth Nelson (2023)  
Katie Peternel (2025)  
Marsha Thompson, Senior Warden (2024)  
Vicky Wolf (2024)

**OPENING**

Father Hailey opened the Vestry meeting at 7:04 pm with a Prayer for the Parish and Prayer for a Church Meeting from The Book of Common Prayer. This Vestry meeting was held in-person. The Zoom conferencing application was available, because of the on-going Covid-19 health crisis, He declared a quorum of the Vestry present.

Discussion of a chapter of the Vestry Resource Guide was postponed until a later Vestry meeting.

Vestry members exchanged personal thoughts during a “check-in” opportunity.

**MINUTES**

After noting no corrections needed, on a motion by Jim Dietrich, seconded by Sharon Antonelli, the Minutes of the Vestry Meeting on March 20, 2023, were approved.

**RECTOR'S REPORT**

Father Hailey distributed his Rector's Report electronically before the Vestry Meeting (attached). He briefly reviewed the following key points-

- St. Stephen's has been approved as a participant parish in the Faith X Vitality Improvement Project.
- The Rev. Canon Carrie Scofield-Broadbent has been elected Bishop Coadjutor. She will be joining the diocese over the summer and consecrated at the National Cathedral on September 16.

- Holy Week statistics – 21 at Maundy Thursday, light attendance on Good Friday (5 at noon, 8 at 7 pm). Easter was full for both services. He acknowledged that there were issues with the Night Watch; we will look at this before next year. He commented that we will need to reinforce the importance of Holy Week next year.
- The interview with the Aid to Congregations Committee went well, noting we are looking at a \$72,000 deficit and requested \$5,000 in relief on our allotment.
- We have a full slate for the annual meeting Vestry election – Ellie Barna, Jacquelin Juergensen, Leland Kang, and George Shahinian.

On a motion by Sharon Antonelli, seconded by Dave Johnson, the Rector's Report was accepted.

### WARDENS' REPORTS

Marsha Thompson, Senior Warden, distributed her report electronically before the Vestry meeting (attached). She briefly reviewed the following key points –

- Holy Week was wonderful.
- Easter services were full.
- She reported that student nurses have adopted the Blue Ribbon Project.

On a motion by Andrew Carta, seconded by Jim Dietrich, the Senior Warden's report was accepted.

Doug Sykes, Junior Warden, distributed his report electronically distributed his report before the Vestry meeting (attached).

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Santha Cortes, Treasurer, and Jim Dietrich, Assistant Treasurer, distributed the Financial Summary, Status of Investments and Monthly Report of Accounts electronically prior to the meeting (attached). They provided the following summary points –

- Payment to ASP was made early in April.
- A new money market account was opened at Schwab as authorized at the last meeting.

On a motion by Marsha Thompson, seconded by Dave Ani, the Treasurer's Reports were accepted.

### STEWARDSHIP

Father Hailey reported that George Shahinian has joined the Stewardship Committee. He is working to have a priest from the Diocese of Washington to join us for the Stewardship celebration in November.

### NEW BUSINESS

The Vestry was provided information for the congregational survey that ended Easter Sunday. There were 41 responses. It will provide us with baseline information. No overly negative responses. There was a strong connection to the parish mission

statement (95%). The efforts of the parish should be focused on re-gathering efforts. Further discussion will take place at future meetings.

**CLOSING**

Father Hailey closed the meeting by leading the Vestry in Compline from The Book of Common Prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin F. Brown, Registrar