



The CHURCH of the  
**GOOD SAMARITAN VESTRY**

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**Vestry Meeting Minutes**

July 10, 2023 | 7:00pm

Room 263/264, The Church of the Good Samaritan

**Vestry members present:** Darren Clipston, Tom Connett, Phillip Ellsworth (Interim Priest-in-Charge), Elrena Evans, Gary Henderson, Whitney T. Kuniholm, Ian MacDonald, Leah Sioma, Rusty Smith, Mary Anne Weightman

**Vestry members absent:** Louise Makau-Barasa, Tammy Cooke, Reuben Garrett, Nicholas Gibson, Jonathan Purifoy, Richard Toland

**Guest:** None

**Attachments:**

- I. Vestry Meeting Minutes June 12, 2023
- II. Rector's Warden Report
- III. Income Statement – June 2023
- IV. Balance Sheet – June 2023
- V. Treasurer's Report – June 2023
- VI. Rector Search FAQ
- VII. Parish Profile Committee Schedule
- VIII. 2023-2024 Vestry Committee

**Worship:** The Vestry met in the Chapel for Evening Prayer Rite I led by Fr. Phillip Ellsworth

Whitney Kuniholm (Rector's Warden) chaired the meeting, calling us to order at 7:20pm.

**1. Minutes**

attachment (I)

No discussion

- **Motion (1):** Approve the Vestry meeting minutes for June 12, 2023
  - Vote: 7 in favor; 0 against; 2 abstentions. Motion passed.

**2. Interim Priest in Charge Report**

Fr. Ellsworth expressed thanksgiving for vacation time. He thanked Chuck and Mary Ernst for sharing their home in Nantucket. Fr. Ellsworth presented a 3-minute video of new staff member, Jessica Campbell (Youth Ministry). July 1<sup>st</sup> was her first day on staff. Currently, Fr. Phil is actively seeking an Administrative Assistant. Jeanne Lomanno has resigned from her position. Rusty Smith is assisting during the interim time as volunteer project manager and providing enormous help on a range of jobs. Richard Zuch will become full-time Parish Administrator. Fr. Phil shared his vision for a tuition paid Choral Program that would train



children in vocal sacred arts and saw it as part of a growth strategy for the church. Fr. Phil is pleased that the Adult Education classes are going well and VBS was a success.

3. **Rector's Warden Report** attachment (II)  
Whitney Kuniholm report was reviewed by the Vestry with no further discussion.
4. **Financial Warden's Report** attachments (III), (IV), (V)  
Darren Clipston presented financial reports stating that the revenue is approximately \$100,000 ahead of the budget. Leah Sioma prayed a prayer of thanksgiving for God's provision.
5. **People's Warden Report**  
Mary Anne Weightman stated that the congregation is positive and hopeful. Adult Sunday School is increasing in number with the return of Dr. Christopher A Hall. Other gifted teachers are also contributing to teaching. VBS was well received with 100 children in attendance.
6. **Rector Search Process: Parish Profile Committee** attachment (VI)  
Whitney shared that the consulting firm, Holy Cow Consulting, will assist with the Parish Survey. He referenced the proposed timeline for the Rector Search Process. FAQ has been emailed to members of the church. Hard copies are available in Atrium.
  - **Motion (2)** Approval of the presented profile and consulting firm, Holy Cow Consulting and timeline for the Parish Profile and Mutual Discernment phase of the search process.  
Vote: 9 in favor; 0 against; 0 abstentions. Motion passed.
7. **Rector Search Process: Search Prayer Committee update**  
Mary Anne stated that the Rector Search Prayer Group will start on July 16 between the 9:00am and 11:00am services. This will be ongoing until a new Rector is selected. The Prayer Group will meet every third Sunday of the month.
8. **2023-2024 Vestry Committee Assignments** attachment (VII)
  - Motion (3)  
No discussion  
Vote: 9 favor; 0 against; 0 abstained. Motion passed.
9. **By Laws Revision Process Update**  
Whitney noted that because of the Vestry time required for the Rector Search Process, the By Laws will be postponed for later discussion in 2024. Whitney thanked Rusty Smith for his work on the project to date. Rusty agreed that it made sense to postpone work on the By Laws until later in 2024.



## 10. New Business

- a. Darren Clipston shared: (1) Alpha should be advertised now (2) Professional skills of the congregation should be posted.
- b. Fr. Phil informed the vestry that Melodee Stephens will be hired part time as Creative Director and will be assisting with church communications. Also, Gary Henderson and Rusty Smith are working on church software programs.
- c. Whitney reminded the Vestry of upcoming meeting dates and encouraged everyone to attend Vestry Prayer.

## 11. Closing Prayer

Whitney closed with prayer, and we adjourned at 9:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Weightman, People's Warden  
Whitney T. Kuniholm, Rector's Warden

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## Calendar reminders

### JULY

24 Vestry Prayer, 7:00pm, Chapel, led by Leah

### AUGUST 2023

#### No Vestry Meetings

### SEPTEMBER 2023

6 Officers' Meeting, 7:00pm, Fishbowl

11 Vestry Dinner and Formation, Rectory, 6:30pm [TBD]

19 Vestry Corner — Reuben

25 Vestry Prayer, 7:00pm, Chapel, led by Gary

### OCTOBER 2023

2 Officers' Meeting, 7:00pm, Fishbowl

9 Vestry Meeting, 7:00pm, Chapel

17 Vestry Corner — Rusty

23 Vestry Prayer, 7:00pm, Chapel, led by Tom