



**Vestry Minutes-to be approved
Tuesday August 15
6:42 – 7:21 pm**

Vestry members present: Cris Blair, Dorothy Gibson, Annalisa Conserti-Jones, Diane Santiago, Gretchen Hayslip, Susan Wilbanks, Bill Yunker, Mark Gargett, Andrew Benson, David Gravelle

Absent (excused): Dan Cassady, Mike Hicks

6:42 **Call to Order** (waiting for quorum to be available from the Bike and Build etc...)
Gretchen

Opening Prayer/Reflection Gretchen

Profile committee

Will consist of: Margot Rogers, Margaret Cassady, Rachel Herbert, Suzanne Daily, and Paula Benson. All women due to needing men to be available for vestry next year, and these women having the skill set needed for this committee.

Chris motions that this be approved, Mark Gargett seconds the motion.

Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes: Diane Santiago moved to approve minutes from July 18, 2023
Susan Wilbanks seconded.
Unanimously approved.

July Collapsed Financials- Unable to address-Kevin was stuck in traffic.

Theresa Newall Move to approve certification of Theresa Newall to the diaconate for her ordination to the priesthood by Susan Wilbanks, second Andrew Benson.

Unanimously approved.

(There will be another piece of paper to sign that Gretchen will put in a mailbox in a folder.)

Kick-off Sunday

Gretchen/Cris

September 10th after 10 am service grilling hotdogs and burgers, (vegan and vegetarian options), and potluck. Side dishes etc... will be assigned alphabetically. Volunteers to man grills needed. Blessing of school backpacks during service. Will put out a basket for donations to our greatly reduced Hospitality Fund. This fund was reduced during Covid and now it's needing to be reassessed as we are having more social events. Are there volunteer needs we want to tie in? Clipboards with sign-up sheets available?

Other Business

Process for signs outside church

Gretchen

Held for those present to view: Black sign with mostly white lettering reading: "FOR THE HURT THE CHURCH HAS CAUSED, WE ARE SORRY with love, The EPISCOPAL (spelled out in letters: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet, pink, light blue, and brown) Church in Western Washington and to one side is the Diocesan seal. This sign was originally from the Diocese of Missouri and the Diocese of Olympia had some made. Valerie Reinke Cannon Missioner for Faith Formation, who has the signs, was approached by Bay Le Sage after she saw one in front of Diocesan House. Valerie said that the diocese brings them to public events and they have been a way to promote dialogue. Bay feels dialogue would be a good start, as so many people have experienced religious trauma with Christianity, herself included.

Some felt the sign was offensive and objectionable.

Request for group to be formed on St. Andrew's sign policy (currently the policy is no signs): What signs would we put up? How long do they stay up? Etc...

Bay Le Sage and Diane Santiago will meet about this Monday the 21st.

Help Lahaina Hawaii Holy Innocents Episcopal Church rebuild

Mark Gargett proposes St. Andrew's participates in some way to help Holy Innocents rebuild as St. Andrew's helped a parish in New Orleans rebuild after Katrina

7:21 Closing Prayer/Adjourn

Important Upcoming Dates:

September 10 - Kick-off Sunday

September 19 - Vestry Meeting