

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY – TEMPE
Vestry Meeting, March 17, 2024, 12:19 p.m.

Present: Fr. Hunter Ruffin, Rector; Alex Davis, Senior Warden; Curtis Wood, Junior Warden; Pat Blackman; Steve Geislinger; Beth Hunt; Heidi Thomas; Aaron VanBriesen; Jan Wagner; Cece Wilhite; Ann Neal, Treasurer; Andrea Stewart, Clerk

Absent: Kathy Carney; Jude Wickelgren

Guest: The Rev. Katie Sexton-Wood via Zoom

Gathering:

Fr. Hunter led the Vestry in the African Bible Study as we read Romans 12:9-13. He then shared how these verses illustrate faith, hope, and love.

Discernment:

The Rev. Katie Sexton-Wood, of the Arizona Faith Network, joined via Zoom to talk about the Heat Relief Program in the Phoenix metropolitan area. Following discussion the Vestry affirmed the decision for Epiphany to host the AFN's cooling center for the first half of the summer (May through July of 2024).

Items Requiring Vestry Action:

Annual Meeting Minutes: The minutes for the Annual Meeting were presented. Pat Blackman moved to accept the minutes; Heidi Thomas seconded. The motion carried.

PlumbSmart Expense: The plumbing company was called to address a leak in the Sacristy sink that had been developing. A new 2.5-gallon point-of-use water heater was also replaced. Approval of this expense of \$2,098.48 was required as it exceeds the \$1,000.00 limit for the Junior Warden to approve. Aaron VanBriesen motioned to affirm payment of the invoice; Steve Geislinger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial Report:

Ann Neal presented the Treasurer's Report. Steve Geislinger motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report; Alex Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Leadership School:

Vestry Relational Calls: Fr. Hunter presented guidelines in developing and maintaining One-to-one Relational Calls. Guidelines for the meetings include:

- Meetings should not exceed 30 minutes.
- Begin on time.
- End on time.
- End with prayer.

Meetings, by phone or in person, should be quarterly. Make the time about the person; don't meet at the church.

As there was no new business, Fr. Hunter asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Geislinger made the motion; Jan Wagner seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Stewart, Clerk