

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Minutes of Vestry Meeting (AS APPROVED)
Wednesday, May 17, 2017 – 6:30 pm

Vestry Officers Present: The Rev'd Geoffrey Hoare (Priest-in-Charge), Laura Ingersoll (Senior Warden), Rich Turner (Junior Warden), Hollis McLoughlin (Treasurer).

Vestry Members Present: Ivan Fermin, Andrea Fraser-Reid, Tom Gustafson, Kristie Hassett, Sandy Kolb, Tomás Montgomery, Donna Palmer, Ken Patterson; Emma Morrison (Youth Representative).

Staff: The Rev'ds Emily Griffin and Debbie Kirk.

Others Present: Susan Morris and Kathryn Zoeller (WSA Representatives); Abby Davis (Gala Co-Chair); parishioners Barbara Manard, Anton Vanterpool, and Tom Jansen.

Call-to-Order: A meeting of the Vestry was called to order at 6:30 pm by the Rev'd Geoffrey Hoare. An opening prayer was offered by Rich Turner.

Approval of Minutes of March Vestry Meeting: Approval of the March minutes was moved and seconded. A correction was noted and, as corrected, the minutes were unanimously approved. [VESTRY ACTION 2017-05.01]

Approval of Minutes of April Vestry Meeting: Approval of the April minutes was moved and seconded. A correction was noted and, as corrected, the minutes were unanimously approved. [VESTRY ACTION 2017-05.02]

Treasurer's Report: The written monthly financial report was distributed. In the absence of Treasurer Hollis McLoughlin and Director of Finance Doug Dykstra, the Vestry liaison to the Finance Committee, Donna Palmer, reported that the finances to date are on track. Senior Warden Laura Ingersoll informed the Vestry that St. Alban's is the beneficiary of a revocable (now irrevocable) trust of longtime parishioner Elizabeth McElroy, who died recently, and as a result St. Alban's would receive her final gift of \$100,000, to be distributed from her estate later in the year. Upon motion, seconded, all Vestry members present voted to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. [VESTRY ACTION 2017-05.03]

Priest-in-Charge's Report: Geoffrey Hoare reported on his recent participation in the annual meeting of the Urban-Suburban Clergy Conference, and in the Diocesan Clergy Conference. He noted that he and the Associate Rectors, along with the Executive Committee, had met with Bishop Budde for her parish review, during which there was discussion of bringing St. Alban's in as more of a "part of the whole" on the Close, in both worship and programs. Geoffrey and Emily Griffin expanded on the positive potential for the St. Alban's community. Responding to a comment about broken relationship, Geoffrey noted that one of the first things to go when a

relationship goes bad is *gratitude*, and he urged that we adopt – as “tone” rather than “program” – a practice of making sure that “the Great Thanksgiving is at the heart of things.”

Gala Report: Gala co-chair Abby Davis orally reported that the Gala had netted a grand total of \$28,642.43 – a record high – of which \$19,685 was from the silent and live auctions to benefit the three schools we support: Hope and Resurrection (Sudan), St. Saviour’s School (Jordan), and Harriet Tubman Elementary School (Columbia Heights). Abby expressed thanks to the many volunteers who made the event so successful, and noted that all those who volunteered and attended also paid for their tickets.

Senior Warden’s Report: Laura Ingersoll distributed a written report (Attachment A), and orally highlighted the procedure for upcoming elections on June 4, and her own gratitude for the “thoughtfulness, care, sincerity and wisdom” with which the 2016-2017 Vestry did its work during the challenging year.

Other Reports: The Vestry accepted written reports of Associate Rector Emily Griffin and Assistant Rector Debbie Kirk (Attachments B-C).

Following conclusion of the business of the Vestry, Sandy Kolb, whose term is ending, shared a reflection on her Vestry service. Youth Representative Emma Morrison, also completing her Vestry service and heading off to college, shared a thoughtful, passionate, and moving exhortation for further development of the youth program.

At 7:25 pm, Geoffrey Hoare led a concluding prayer. Upon motion, seconded, the Vestry unanimously voted to go into Executive Session. [VESTRY ACTION 2017-05.04]

Following a brief Executive Session, the meeting concluded at approximately 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Ingersoll, Secretary *pro tem*