

Episcopal Church of the Advent
Vestry Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2023

Fr. A. Leonard opened the meeting with prayer at 12:06 pm.

Attendance:

Vestry members present were Rev. H.A. Leonard, M. Francis, F. Garcia, A. Gloria, D. Hammond, C. Hoffman, R. Hudson, L. Price, J. Rutenberg, and B. Smith. Absent were N. Smith Wong and S. Werth. Present non-vestry individual was A. Cioffi-Brown (Treasurer).

Minutes:

Vestry minutes of April 16, 2023 were approved without correction by the Vestry, Motion for approval made by F. Garcia and seconded by B. Smith.

Treasurer's Report:

Alison Cioffi-Brown reviewed the latest Profit and Loss Budget Performance figures since the April Vestry meeting. A discussion followed regarding Diocesan loan use guidelines. Motion to accept the report pending audit made by J. Rutenberg and seconded by R. Hudson.

Rector's Report:

Fr A. Leonard mentioned upcoming baptisms, Cape May Cares, and Vacation Bible School.

Senior Warden's Report:

No new report items per B. Smith except for those covered under other headings.

Junior Warden's Report:

L. Price discussed the monthly Property Committee meeting and reported on landscaping, back steps repair and lighting, and back walkway.

Old Business:

1. Planning for the yard sale to be held in the Parish Hall parking lot on October 7, 2023 will resume in September.
2. An Art Show fundraiser is being planned, although a volunteer is still needed to coordinate the effort.
3. The Tutoring Program is to resume in the fall.
4. A successful Legacy Luncheon was held on June 10.
5. The ECW Spring Market held on June 17 was successful. A thank you was extended to the men who helped the women with the event. B. Smith encouraged all to help with church-sponsored events.

New Business:

1. Professional accounting support for the Treasurer was discussed.
2. Security measures to include instillation of a costly panic button were discussed. A motion to table any decisions pending the attendance of a relevant Homeland Security presentation on June 20th was made by L Price and seconded by B. Smith. Approved by the Vestry.
3. An Audit Committee of three volunteers is needed to review finances for the the last two years. This will again be discussed at an upcoming Finance Committee meeting.

4. Fr. A Leonard suggested that committees consider placing articles in the Anchor occasionally to update the congregation on their activities. He also reminded the Vestry that committee chairpersons must submit an annual report before the Annual Meeting each year.
5. Fr. A. Leonard asked the Vestry to submit nominations for the Advent Service Award at the next meeting. The nominations may include couples that have served the church faithfully over years.
6. Fr. A. Leonard also mentioned the importance of personally welcoming new faces seen at church services each week. Vestry members and ushers would be ideal greeters.

Other Committee Reports:

None

Next Vestry Meeting: August 20, 2023

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion made by A. Gloria and seconded by M. Francis. Approved by the Vestry.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Rutenberg, Vestry Clerk