

## **Episcopal Church of the Advent Vestry Meeting Minutes May 18, 2025**

**Father Alan opened the meeting with a prayer at 12:02 pm**

**Attendance:** Present were Tom Crane, Angela Gloria, Dave Hammond, Richard Hudson, Pam Kelly, Fr. Alan Leonard, Larry Morier, Joanne Morrison. Karann Murphy, Noel Smith Wong. Also present were Rev. Deacon Charline Snyder and Treasurer Sherrie Maahs.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to Approve Minutes of March 16, 2025, made and seconded by. Motion approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Sherrie Maahs presented the Treasurer's Report for April 2025. Sherrie noted that the increase in office expenses was due to copier and general office supplies at Staples. She noted that the Health Savings Account expense was front loaded for Father Alan. Motion made to approve the report was made by Dave Hammond and seconded by Larry Morier. Motion approved.

### **Rector's Report**

Fr. Alan commented that all church events are an opportunity for evangelism. He cited the example of the young man from North Carolina and the young lady from Georgia who are working at the Chalfont for the summer as an example of an event leading to attendance at church.

### **Senior Warden's Report**

Noel reported that the Finance Committee is working on the budget and is pleased with the progress. The Committee requests a meeting with the Vestry to review the plans and projections for the Budget. Date to be determined. Minutes of past Vestry meetings will be uploaded to the website shortly. We're looking into Live Streaming events in the future. Scam alerts have been well received by the congregations. Noel and Joanne are working on Instagram and Facebook issues.

### **Junior Warden's Report**

Richard requested that the counting schedule be made available online and posted so we could know who we were counting with each week.

### **Old Business**

- Victor Security in the process of installing a new alarm system that includes strobe lights and loud noise.
- The Tens program for stewardship has been paid by the Diocese, eliminating our need for the expense.

### **New Business**

- A new welcome sign designed by Alice Vasser's class has been printed and will be installed by Sherrie's husband.
- Lew Price brought a book called *Invite – Welcome - Connect* which looks like a good program to use in evangelism.
- MAC season events and dates to be put in a flyer and posted on the website?
- Larry quoted an article from the NY Times that "spiritualism is not losing members." Anna commented that she had read that it was increasing.
- Charline reported that Pastoral Care program was in process. More volunteers are needed.
- Live stream help is needed because both Kona and Melissa will be working over the summer.
- Dates for Pancake Breakfasts and Fall yard sale need to be finalized and posted on the website

### **Other Committee Reports**

None

### **Next Vestry Meeting**

June15, 2025

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded by. Motion approved.

### **Respectfully submitted,**

David Hammond

Vestry member filling in for the Clerk