

# St. Stephen's Vestry Meeting

## May 17, 2022

The meeting began at 7:15 and was held via Zoom.

**Present:** Craig Reynolds, Rev. Nina Pooley, Leah Luczynski, Angela Moon, Chris Plankey, John Garinther, Josie Ellis, Christina Wynn, Suzanne White, John Culver, Wendy Webster-Coakley, David Nevin

**Welcome/Call to order and opening prayer:** Craig Reynold's called the meeting to order and Rev. Dr. Nina Pooley opened with a Dwelling in the Word with **Isaiah 43:14, 18-21** and a passage about trust.

**Clerk report:** Angie Moon

- Adult Ed "activity/hobby" groups for Summer are being formed
- Ongoing need of Safe Church Coordinator

**Approval of Minutes:** Christina moved and John C. seconded and the Vestry voted to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2022 Vestry meeting. Vestry were all in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** [Leah Luczynski](#): Steve the auditor was at St. Stephens. Nina, Leah, and Suzanne met with him and Steve was pleased about the fact that the finance committee was able to make the changes he suggested last year. April looks good. Pledges look good. We are going into Summer, sometimes pledge payments slow during Summer. John G. asked about property expenses—6000\$ over budget year to date. Should property be coming to wardens and Nina about projects, expenses, costs? Leah explained that the office was 5000\$ over budget due to asbestos. There is money. We have not taken from the endowment in a few years. We have money in the

Savings account. Craig R. told John to bring projects to Vestry for review and approval. Vestry trusts that the property committee is best informed about what we need and can help us focus where we need to. We will not spend frivolously but we will not constrain ourselves. Larger projects moving forward for the church will have to be part of a bigger capital budget plan. Continue to think creatively as stewards of this property. Thank you John for asking and paying close attention.

**Rector's Report** - Rev. Dr. Nina Pooley: Will Covid affect Nina going to General Convention? The dates have changed to 7/9-7/15 for Nina, it might be limited to how many people go, Nina is still going at this point.

**Warden's report:** Craig Reynolds/Josie Ellis: We will talk about the report during discussion, see below.

**Other Business:**

**Property report:** Chris Plankey/John Garinther: More detail in the folder. Met with Garducci Associates about window covering. Josie, Nina, property committee. They met for 2 hr. They think we can get on the schedule starting late Summer, will last several months, through the Winter. The boiler has been shut down for this year. Heating system upgrade meeting will be happening soon. Bill Engle is also on this team. Chris thinks that we can be doing little things that will keep improving our appearance. Nina said that Garducci commented on the quality of the stained glass. Tiffany and Tillinghast windows evolved and we can see the evolution in our windows at St. Stephens. A Stained Glass Museum. John contacted the Massachusetts historical commission and they will not get in our way. John will be providing them photos and

correspondence. (laminated glass will shatter but stay in place/ tempered glass can be broken in big places). Craig R. asked about the elevator inspection, not sure, will check with Sarah in the office. Signs in the stairwell look great. Great job on the work day.

**Stewardship:** Not on agenda this month

**Topics up for Discussion this month:**

- a. Adult ed. plan: 3 groups this Summer that will be offered about once a month and could have Zoom and in person.
  - i. Photography hosted by Craig Reynolds and Ken Pooley.
  - ii. Gardening hosted by John C. and Angie
  - iii. Walking hosted by Nancy Lamoureaux, Josie Ellis, Lois Symonds
- b. Community Worship on June 12th. Ecumenical Service. Foster a wider community? 11:00 at the Common, move to Zion if it rains. Eucharist, Cathedral, Story–feeding of the 5000. Agenda? Zion will bring containers? I don't understand. A meal? Cathedral brings coffee and water. Picnic lunch. Folks to make food that morning at St. Stephen's and bring over.
- c. June 4th Pride 11-4 on the common not park square. We have a spot as Vendors at Pride on the Common. Nina ordered a banner. Buttons to give out. Business cards were made to pass out.

(John and Chris will talk to Nina about swapping out banners in front of church.

They are getting tattered.)

- d. Summer schedule: A time change was discussed. The time will remain 10:00 for the Summer Service.
- e. St. Stephen's Table: We ran out of time for a discussion on this topic.

**Action items:**

- 1. none

**Closing:** Nina+ closed with a prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Moon