

**Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
**June 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 Vestry Meeting Minutes**  
**7:00 PM, Conference Room**

All members were present.

1. Devotional time was led by Lisa Bailey. Devotional assignments for remainder of year:  
Aug-**Monette**; Sept-**Barnett**; Oct-**Meinhart**; Nov-**Stinnett**
2. Minutes from May 10 Vestry Meeting were approved.
3. May financials were presented by Martha Lendermon and approved. The finance committee met and discussed investing some of the money from the checking account and leaving under the \$250K FDIC insured amount in order to reduce any risk. A motion was made and approved by the vestry to do that. A motion and approval was also made to have Father Jeff be the second representative along with Martha Lendermon to make financial changes.
4. Updates on 2023 Vestry Goals
  - a. Men's club had 17 members present.
  - b. Joe Stinnett requested a donation be made to Rolling Fork, MS church. A motion was carried and approved to offer a \$1K donation.
5. Father Jeff discussed the security topics and the involvement with the city because of the historical nature of the building. Bill is finding another bid.
6. Joe Stinnett discussed The Portrait Café updates. Davis questioned the number of participants and having a physical directory. An App would be used to update photos. There was a motion to approve and was carried to get a contract to move ahead with using The Portrait Café.
7. Father Jeff discussed the Mission of the Church: strategic goals (when goals & objectives collide), long-term goals based on Mission and reason for being. Tactical plans are specific objectives/steps to achieving goals. What we are responsible for making decisions about include the physical nature of the **building, financials, staffing, worship** (being the most important thing of all), **pastoral care, outreach** (aiding the poor and needy), **outreach** (for church growth), **safety** (Dioceses has reached out to do a safety de-escalation training. We will do the trainings they recommend. Father Jeff thanked Bill Barnett for all of his effort and going above and beyond what he was asked

to do in setting up the training with the Collierville Fire Department. Finally, **growth** and the need for strategic goals not so much tactical goals. Next year there will not be a retreat at St. Columba for the vestry. We will instead meet at St. Andrew's Feb.9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss strategic planning. Discussion about calendars, no fund raising and the fish fry in the parking lot of St. Andrew's for fellowship. Details are being worked on.

8. There will not be VBS due to someone would need to be hired to staff it.
9. Discussion was had about Community Outreach: We have "room" for 50 more people. We are continued to be encouraged to meet and greet those we do not know.

Meeting ended at 8:15 pm.

#### CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

- CONCERTS ON THE SQUARE: **Every Thursday in June and July (7-9 PM)**
- LADIES' BIBLE STUDY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: **Tuesday, June 27 at 10 AM**
- MEN'S CLUB MEETING: **Tuesday, June 27 at 6 PM**
- CHURCH CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY: **July 4**
- FIRST-WEDNESDAY PARISH DINNER: **July 5 at 6 PM**
- MEN'S CLUB MEETING: **Tuesday, July 25 at 6 PM**
- FIRST-WEDNESDAY PARISH DINNER: **Aug 2 at 6 PM**
- NEXT VESTRY MEETING: **Aug 9, at 7 PM in the parish hall**
- SCHOOL STARTS: **Thursday, Aug 10**
- SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH BEGINS: **Sunday, Aug 13**

I'd like to recommend the vestry revise the wording on item 3 of the June minutes as follows:

Change highlighted sentence in item 3 from:

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A motion and approval was also made to have Father Jeff added as the second person with authority to approve changes with Raymond James. The interactions between this person and RJ are:

1. Authorize purchase or rollover of CDs.
2. Convert donated securities, deposit the cash and credit the donor.
3. Receive monthly statements (and access real time information online).