

Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, Scottsboro, Alabama  
Minutes of July 10, 2023 Vestry Meeting

Attending the meeting were the Reverend Polly Robb; vestry members Brett Bell, Jared Dovers, Sherry Holland, Deb McBride, J.P. Parsons, and Everett Reed; Charles Heath, Chairman of the Finance Committee; and Ann Moody, clerk of the vestry.  
Janet Sage was absent.

Polly *opened the meeting* at 5:15 P.M. with prayer.

Jared moved the *minutes of June 19, 2023* be approved, Brett seconded, and all voted in favor.

Charles distributed *financial* information and reviewed it. He pointed out there are no remarkable expenses, but he reported we will have to adjust for the increased Pension Payments. He noted five pledges have been paid in full. Charles left the meeting at 5:28 following his report.

In his *Senior Warden's report*, Jared announced he will Email vestry members the names of the audit committee. He has talked with the Heaths about whether the intellectual ownership of the history of St. Luke's Barbara is writing should lie with the church or the Heaths. The Heaths would like more time to consider this.

Jared updated plans for a strategic planning meeting covering plans for both the near and distant future. The bishop's office will contact Polly about when Geoff Evans from the diocesan office can come for this meeting. At that time, Geoff will also lead Polly's mutual ministry review.

Brett's *Junior Warden's Report* included an update on the sprinklers. We will need to get someone to work on those near the street. Polly noted the roof of the church needs attention and Brett will call someone. Becky Bridges has someone who can help with landscaping the beds and shrubbery. Brett has installed motion lights in the parish hall as a follow-up to the request at the last vestry meeting.

Polly, reporting for *Parish Life*, announced the committee will have a July 17<sup>th</sup> planning meeting. There will be a blessing of the backpacks August 6, a parish picnic and baptism is planned for August 20, and the 145<sup>th</sup> celebration is October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

The timing is not right just now for the young couple Polly and Jared talked with about the possibility of their working with the *Youth*, so the search continues.  
Plans for a lake party are still under way.

Re *Mission and Evangelism*, Everett would like for the parish to tour the Scottsboro Boys Museum together, possibly July 30<sup>th</sup>. August 12 is the Jonathan Daniels pilgrimage and Polly hopes to have a group from here attend.

Deb reported on *Outreach*, noting the Food Pantry served sixty-eight families in June. They were prepared for seventy. The pantry committee will meet July 28 at 10:30 AM. They would like to schedule a date for vestry guidance regarding a pantry cleaning. They welcome additional help with the pantry.

DHR has sixty foster children and would like contributions amounting to \$200 to prepare each child for starting school. Jared suggested St. Luke's sponsor five children at \$200 each, asking for contributions from parishioners, but using funds from the mission budget if needed.

Jared discussed space needs for the pantry and suggested the parlor since it is rarely used otherwise, i.e.

using the space according to the mission of St. Luke's. The first step toward space utilization is clearing up the pantry room.

In her ***Rector's report***, Polly announced that James, our music director, is in Sewanee today. She circulated a proposed Choral Music Academy budget and a flyer about the program. She mentioned hopes of coordinating with UAH, Sewanee, and Northeast Community College regarding master classes. Polly has talked with a representative of our carrier about our insurance. We are ready to get the information out. Sherry moved that we move forward with plans for Scottsboro Choral Music Academy, J.P. Seconded, and all approved.

Help is lined up for Vacation Bible School next week, and a parishioner has invited the participants to picnic and swim at their home. Polly has cleared this with our insurance as well.

Women's Wednesday begins August 23.

Wednesday Eucharist/Suppers/Inquirers' classes will run from August 30<sup>th</sup> to October 11<sup>th</sup>.

The ***meeting closed*** at 6:12 with the reciting of The Lord's Prayer.

Ann Moody, Clerk of the Vestry