

**Parish of St. James' Episcopal Church
Jackson, Mississippi
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2024 (as amended)**

Call to Order: Senior Warden Thad Hopper called the meeting to order. The December 11, 2023 meeting was held in Oak Ridge Hall and via Zoom. The following Vestry members attended:

2024 Vestry	Attendance
Chris Bates	Yes
H. Barber Boone	Yes
Carver Brown	By Zoom
Lee Anne Bryan	Yes
Margaret Deavours	Yes
Alice Douglas	Yes
David Elliott	No
Gates Elliott	Yes
Limeul Eubanks	By Zoom
Ouida Holland	Yes
Thad Hopper	Yes
Mary Rebecca Jeffries	No
Kathe Levanway	Yes
Julie McLemore	Yes
Joe Sherman	Yes
Mary Alex Thigpen	Yes
Elizabeth Wheatley-Jones	Yes
John Wheeler	No
Leigh Ann Wilkins	Yes
Jan Wofford	Yes

The meeting was called to order.

Declaration of a quorum

- The meeting was opened with a prayer by the Rev. Gates Elliott.
- Senior Warden Thad Hopper determined there was a quorum.

Prayers for the Parish

- Prayers for the Parish were explained to new Vestry members. The annual rotation was re-started, and names were distributed for calls for next meeting.

Business Session/General Discussion

- Upon a motion and second, the minutes from the December 2023 Vestry Meeting were approved, with the exception of the correction of the spelling of Lee Anne Bryan's name.
- The December financial report was discussed.

- Rector Wheatley-Jones introduced and discussed the Ministries Circles and how each Vestry member would be assigned a committee within each Ministry Circle to act as Vestry liaison. The Vestry members were asked to review the Ministry Circles to identify the committee/ministry with which they most closely aligned.
- The Vestry Retreat was discussed. It would begin on January 26 at 5:30 in Oak Ridge Hall, and would continue on January 27 at 9:00 a.m. at the Boone's Lake House at Lake Cavalier.
- The Vestry discussed goals for the Vestry Retreat and determined that two major goals should be to follow-up on the goals set by the Vestry at last year's retreat and to get to know each other better.
- The Vestry discussed raising Wednesday Night dinner prices to pre-pandemic pricing: \$10 per adult, \$5 per child, and \$30 family maximum. A motion was made to approve this pricing, it was seconded, and was approved by the Vestry without dissent.
- Barber Boone gave his warden report. We are still looking for additional moneytakers for Wednesday Night Supper and vergers at the 11:05 service.
- The Vestry approved Josh Clark as the new secretary for the Vestry, if he agreed to serve.
- Senior Warden Thad Hopper updated the Vestry on the calendar of events for the remainder of the year.
- The Housing Allowance for the clergy was approved.

Adjournment of Meeting/Closing Prayer

- Upon a motion and second the meeting was adjourned followed by a closing prayer.

H. Barber Boone