

St. Martin-in-the-Fields Vestry  
Meeting Summary  
January 23, 2024  
By Zoom

Present:

Rev. Laura Palmer  
Katie Bergstrom  
Del Bright  
David Dieck  
Jim Fairburn  
Cassie Houtz  
Rob Jennings  
Michael Martin Mills  
Lydia Ogden  
Carol Penn Horne  
Tom Sibson  
Barbara Thomson  
Lorraine Webb  
Paula Wineland

*Opening Prayer:* Rev. Laura brought us in with a prayer.

*Approval of Minutes:* The Vestry approved the December 2023 minutes.

*Children, Youth, Family Update:* Rev. Laura Palmer

- Rev. Britta Carlson has agreed to join the staff part-time as Children, Youth & Family minister. She will help to organize and lead youth ministry and parent events, as well as a Vacation Bible School in Summer 2024. She is available until the Fall and will spread the word about the position moving forward to find someone to continue what she sets in motion.

*Parish Profile Committee Update:* Rob Jennings

- Parish Profile is complete. There is a bit of editing to be done, and then it will go into design production with a member of the committee who is a skilled graphic designer. Anticipate 2 weeks for graphic design to make the profile visually appealing.
- Soon after that, a finished Parish Profile will be sent to the Vestry for approval.

*Discernment/Search Committee Update:* Lorraine Webb

- Initial meeting has occurred, and the group is a highly engaged, representative group from STM. Lorraine is the Vestry liaison to the discernment committee. We will have names of the full committee from the Chair soon.

*Stewardship Report:* David Dieck

-We are ahead of where we were last year. 168 households have pledged. But we are short of our annual target.

*Buildings & Grounds Report: David Dieck*

- The Committee has landed a snow removal contract and a contract for periodic deep cleaning of the church.
- Lights fixed in the Nave temporarily – hoping to fix these permanently and to re-lamp the sanctuary with LED bulbs.
- Productive meeting of the B&G committee earlier this month, with creation of priorities.

*Finance Report – Proposed Budget - Tom Sibson*

- Finance Report was circulated in advance of the meeting. The report shares the 2023 financial results along with the past 5 years, along with a proposed 2024 budget.

*Closing Prayer:* Rob Jennings prayed us out with the Prayer of St. Francis.