

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

Vestry Retreat Minutes

February 8, 2025

In Attendance:

Vestry - Sally Walker, Matthew May, Andrea Strahan, Judy Jarady, Carol Bartlett, Cristin Davis, Jordan Moody, Cody Chaffins, Kathy Corcoran and Jacob Geiger.
Clergy - Amy Dills-Wright, Carmie McDonald

Absent: Kaylie Gibbs, Randy Shearin, and Sherry Wallace

Nominating New Vestry:

Amy explained the need to fill two vestry positions. One for Paul Bonner's 2-year unfinished term after he had to resign for personal schedule reasons. Alison Taylor who had been appointed has decided to not move forward with her position. Several names were discussed as possible vestry members for Amy and Sally to take under consideration.

Old Business

Matthew reviewed the solar project phases that have been conducted up to this point. The first phase that started in 2023 was to understand the solar configuration possibilities and review the Druid Hills regulations. After looking at all possible designs, it was decided that an installation on the flat part of the roof, which cannot be seen from the road, was the most practical and economical option. Phase two in 2024 the research concluded that an array of panels on the flat roof would save us about 15% on our electricity. Alternative Energy Southeast was selected as our installation company and we would use solar panels manufactured in Dalton, Georgia. The third phase which we are entering in 2025 will include educating parishioners on the possibility of solar at Epiphany, survey the interest and then move forward with fundraising. Dates on the calendar include:

- February 23 – A panel discussion during the Formation Hour and a survey of interest from those in attendance.
- March 30 – A follow up to the survey and plans.
- April 22, Earth Day – Kick off the fund raising.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of the January 2025 vestry minutes and the minutes of the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting were included as part of the consent agenda. A majority voted to accept. Jordan and Andrea abstained since they had not had a chance to review the minutes.

The minutes of this meeting were taken by Sally Walker.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Wallace
Clerk of the Vestry