

Minutes of a Called Meeting
of the Vestry
of St. James's Episcopal Church
Saturday, June 24, 2017

A called meeting of the Vestry of St. James's Episcopal Church was held on Saturday, June 24, 2017, in the Parkinson Room, pursuant to proper notice of time and place. Vestry members attending were Mr. Willson Craigie, Mrs. Peggy Crowley, Mr. Ralph Cummins, Mrs. Becky DeCamps, Mr. T.A. Hickman, Mr. Scott Hurt, Mr. Dave Johnson, Mr. Jay Jordan, Mr. Harry Moore, Mr. Connell Mullins, Mrs. Tina Sherrod, Mrs. Beth Skidmore, Mrs. Laura Strickler, and Mr. Michael Whitlow. Mrs. Louise Bald, Mr. Matt Harper, Mrs. Kathe Hetzer, and Mrs. Erin Jewett were absent. Also attending were the Rev. Dr. John McCard and members of the Rector Search Committee Laura McCoy and Charlie Whitaker. Members of the staff attending were the Rev. Dr. Thom Blair and Mrs. Anita Lisk. Mrs. Crowley served as chair, with Mrs. Lisk serving as secretary.

Dr. Blair opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with a prayer. Mrs. Crowley again thanked Mrs. McCoy and Mr. Whitaker and the rest of the Search Committee for their work during the past year. She also thanked Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker for hosting the gathering the night before so that Vestry members had an opportunity to informally meet and speak with Dr. and Mrs. McCard. Dr. McCard said that he was excited to be at St. James's and looking forward to getting to work.

Members of the Vestry interviewed Dr. McCard regarding his discernment to accept the call from St. James's and his general approach to parish and staff leadership, after which Dr. McCard, Mr. Whitaker, and Mrs. McCoy were excused.

On motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Vestry agreed to call the Rev. Dr. John F. McCard as the fourteenth and next Rector of St. James's Church.

So that Dr. McCard can meet with his current Vestry beforehand, it was agreed that the call and acceptance would be announced on Monday afternoon, June 26. A digital message, as well as a letter, will be prepared and sent to the parish at that time. Mrs. Crowley reminded the Vestry that this matter should continue to remain confidential until then. She will contact Associate Rectors Carmen Germino and Hilary Streever immediately following the meeting and will meet with the full staff at the weekly staff meeting on Monday morning to inform them of the Vestry's decision.

Dr. McCard, Mr. Whitaker, and Mrs. McCoy returned to the meeting and Dr. McCard was warmly welcomed by the Vestry as St. James's next rector.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. with a prayer from Dr. McCard.

Anita Lisk
Secretary

Approved:

Rev. Dr. Thom Blair
Interim Rector

Peggy Crowley
Senior Warden