

SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Meeting

May 3, 2022

Present: Cheryl Boop, Mark Drew, Anice Ellis, Betsy Gillespie, Judith Grant, Jodi Hess, Barbara Hyre, Julia Johnson-Davis, Bruce Johnson, Barb Keyes, Bill Mayr, Irina Reed, Lucas Skoracki, Roman Skoracki, Leslie Winters, Rev. Vicki Zust,

Absent: Martha Belury, Phil Glandon

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Mark Drew. Vicki Zust led Vestry in a prayer.

MINUTES of the April 5, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Upon **motion**, **seconded** and **passed**, the minutes were approved as written.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Vicki said that Saint Mark's has a very busy 6 weeks coming up. Vicki is planning for the next program year (formation will be taking a break in June and July). On Friday, May 13th, Saint Mark's Vestry is invited for dinner at Vicki's house. On Saturday, May 14th, eight of the Columbus area Vestries will meet at Saint Mark's. The new diocesan Cannon for Congregational Life will give the key note address. After the key note, attendees will break out into self-selected small groups. Later in the morning, each vestry will have time to meet together as a group.

SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

Mark thanked everyone who helped with the Celebration of New Ministry. Everyone's help made it look easy. The Endowment Fund trustees met; Mark referred Vestry to Dot Yeager's report for more details. The gains in the Endowment Fund have been predictable, and the recent decline in value has been modest compared to where the rest of the market is.

JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

With energy costs going up so fast, Leslie Winters reported that the facilities team is working on how to conserve energy. The leaks in the roof are probably due to two drains in the roof not functioning. There is a fundamental design flaw in all four of the drains, which results in ice dams forming. Ice dams push water up under the roof membrane and from there into the inside of the church. Later in the month, Leslie may ask Vestry to approve, via email, funding for roof repair. The options will be to fix the two drains that are currently an issue or repair all four drains at once.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Invite, Welcome, Connect – Vicki led a discussion about how we can improve making connections with new people. Some ideas that were put forth include:

- Develop a list/roster of people in the congregation with their interests and talents, and then use that list to connect newcomers to people in the parish with similar interests.
- Build a google form on the website (in the Welcome to St Mark's area) that asks new folks to tell us what their interests are and ask if the new person would like someone from the parish to attend a meeting with them. This is especially important because lots of new folks are worshiping with us on-line before coming in person.
- Ask/invite the new person to do something.
- During announcements, Vicki could mention "if you are interested in X, see Y".
- Continue our current practice of having the vestry person of the week hand new people a welcome card and having the ushers direct them to the sign in book.

Embroidering Hope – on May 21st Saint Mark's will be hosting a street party in support of the Embroidering Hope immigration ministry. Three local TV stations have the party on their community event calendars. Volunteers are needed to help set up (9:00am) and clean up (4:00pm). There will be children's activities on the lawn, a DJ on patio, and food trucks on the blocked off portion of Dorset. The curator of the exhibit will give a talk on 21st, and be a guest preacher on the 22nd.

Pentecost Picnic – Mark reported that the Pentecost Picnic will be organized like previous years. The Marks Men will do the BBQ, and there will be a pie baking contest, a sign-up sheet for side dishes, and door prizes. They are looking for a way to have music.

UA Pride – Saint Mark's will have a table at the celebration, which will be held June 5th from 1:00 – 5:00 on the Mallway. Saint Mark's is a sponsor and our name is listed as such. We will be handing out temporary tattoos and pop sockets. A statement from the Bishop on inclusion will be enlarged and displayed on the table.

Memorial Garden – Bruce Johnson reported that we signed the contract and sent a deposit to the landscaping company, and are just waiting for a start date for the Memorial Garden work.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm with a blessing from Vicki.

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara Hyre