

SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Meeting

March 1, 2022

Present: Cheryl Boop, Mark Drew, Rachel Dwyer-Markwardt, Anice Ellis, Judith Grant, Barbara Hyre, Jay Iams, Julia Johnson-Davis, Marilyn Karl, Henry Markwardt, Bill Mayr, Roman Skoracki, Sam Slee, Leslie Winters, Rev. Vicki Zust,

Absent: Phil Glandon, Irina Reed

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mark Drew. Vicki Zust led Vestry in a prayer.

MINUTES of the December, 2021 and January, 2022 meetings were reviewed. Upon **motion, seconded and passed**, the minutes were approved as written.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Vicki extended a welcome and thanks to everyone who agreed to serve on Vestry. Each of the new Vestry members was given a notebook with background information. Vicki asked everyone to put May 13th on their calendars as an evening for dinner and fellowship. Vicki also gave an update on the services for Holy week, indicating that plans are in the works.

Vicki asked that Vestry make the annual appointments of treasurer and clerk. Upon **motion, seconded and passed**, Phil Glandon was appointed treasurer and Barbara Hyre was appointed clerk.

Vicki has prepared a draft of a parish visioning document. She is getting good comments on the various categories that are of importance to the parish. Approximately 30 people have responded on line and in person. The draft will also be compared to the parish survey prepared as part of new rector search. Vicki will try to send out the draft before the next Vestry meeting, and is planning on lots more discussion to come on this topic.

WARDENS' REPORT

Mark reminded everyone that reports are due by noon on the Friday before each Vestry meeting, so that they can be sent out with the agenda and minutes.

Mark recapped the Annual Meeting. Attendance was good (50-70 people), and the on-line process went smoothly. Mark again expressed his thanks to the retiring Vestry members and for all the work that went into the budget. Mark raised the possibility of scheduling next year's Annual Meeting between the early and late service.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Facilities Update – Leslie Winters told Vestry that Spring and Summer will be a good time to confirm if leaks in the roof have been resolved and to fix any remaining problems. Four to six weeks ago there was the odor of gas in kitchen, so the stove was shut down. The first company that looked at the stove

said it was on its last leg. A new stove costs \$16,000. However, another company was consulted, and after cleaning the pilot lights, they said the stove was good to go. There has been no smell of gas in kitchen since the pilot lights were cleaned, so Leslie is encouraged that we will get a few more years out of the existing stove.

Pleasant Litchford Donation – Pleasant Litchford was the formerly enslaved person who owned most of Perry Township at one point, including the land on which Saint Mark's, the main library and Tremont Elementary now sit. There was also a private cemetery on the land now occupied by UA High School. The Upper Arlington School Board and the City Council have both made donations toward building a memorial park in Mr. Litchford's honor. Vicki asked Vestry to consider making a donation to the cause as well as putting a plaque on our campus. Upon **motion, seconded and passed**, Vestry voted to allow Vicki to enter into discussions with the school board and city officials regarding a donation.

Vestry Duties for 2022 – there was a discussion of the various ministry team assignments and upcoming events. Parish life/hospitality takes up a lot of time and everyone has an opinion about how events should be run, so Vicki wants to explore ways to share the work more equitably. Vicki asked everyone on Vestry to sign up to spearhead two events and serve as a liaison for one committee. Nobody needs to sign up for more than 3 things. Committees and commissions in search of volunteers are adult formation, children's formation, communication, facilities and grounds, outreach, stewardship, and youth group. There will also be ad hoc committees to revise the by-laws and reach out to our neighbors. Upcoming events for Spring, Summer and Fall include the Easter Egg Hunt, the Celebration of New Ministry, the Mother's Day Tea, the Artists without Borders celebration, a Choir Evensong Reception, the Pentecost Picnic, UA Pride week, Father's Day, a 4th of July fireworks watch party, the Labor Day Bake Sale, the Fall kick off of the program year, and Bishop Smith's visit/reception. Vicki will send out an email and asked everyone to respond with their top 4 choices. Vicki said we will try this process and see how it goes.

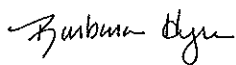
Communications – Bill Mayr reminded Vestry that the Communications team is trying to get the Epistle out by the first of each month, and that moves up the deadline for submissions. March 21st is the deadline for April's Epistle.

Nursery Staffing – Mark said we are getting to the point with in-person attendance that we should be staffing the nursery. Vicki will follow up with Roberta to see what role she wants to take.

Part-time Property Manager Position – Saint Albans is looking to hire someone part-time for facilities support. It might be a more attractive position if we combined forces, so Vicki will reach out to Saint Albans.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm with a blessing from Vicki.

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara Hyre