

SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Meeting

April 11, 2023

Present: Martha Belury, Cheryl Boop, Michael Bowman, Steve Brindza, Kevin Fix, Betsy Gillespie, Phil Glandon, Jodi Hess, Julia Johnson Davis, Bruce Johnson, Barb Keyes, Anna Markwardt, Ted, Meyers, Jody Porreca, Roman Skoracki, , Vicki Zust

Absent: Andi Waller, Brenda Hammersley

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Cheryl Boop. Vicki Zust led Vestry in an opening prayer. Cheryl welcomed all.

1. **MINUTES** of the March 2023 meeting were reviewed. Several typos were corrected. Upon **motion**, **seconded** and **passed**, the minutes were approved as corrected.

2. Reports

a. Rector's Report: Vicki

- i. Mostly devoted to Lent activities and future planning
- ii. Vicki will be attending a conference at the Fred Rogers Institute - June 16/17 Vicki will miss Father's Day "Brats and Floats"
- iii. Vicki will be on vacation July 9 – 16th.
- iv. Question: What is Bruce's title – Priest associate: He does not want to be listed in the bulletin as such unless he is actually serving. He will fill in for Vicki's vacation.
- v. 8:00 AM Service – Should it be outside in the summer or not? Vicki polled those who go to that service and the response is evenly split. Vicki will decide. Possibly a shorter summer season. Having coffee outside would give the church a presence in the community.
- vi. The groundbreaking for the community center is Monday at 4:00 PM. There will be a mosaic on the wall of pictures of those who donated \$250 or more. St. Mark's will be represented by a picture of the bell tower,
- vii. The high school International Baccalaureate class from UA visited the church for a tour and a lesson about how the Episcopalian Church fits into Christianity and the community. It went well.

b. Senior Warden's Report (Cheryl)

- i. Nothing to report. It was wonderful to see how many people attended both Sunday services on Easter. There were 198 at 11:00, and 160 - 170 at 9:00AM. The Vigil had more than 70.
- ii. Congregants did a good job of welcoming new people. We need to work on the engagement part of it.

c. Junior Warden's Report (Kevin)

- i. A meeting has been scheduled for the grounds committee. They will meet tomorrow. It will include a walk-through of the AV system. They will formulate a list of projects for the coming year.
- ii. The leak in the roof was repaired for \$600 less than the quote.

d. Treasurer's Report (Phil)

- i. The numbers look good
- ii. A lot of pledges came in early. Income is at 41% of the annual pledges. Non pledge income is up also. Two families are regular donors that don't pledge. The budget is on track for the year.
- iii. Expenses are at or below budget. We are above budget on administrative expenses, but cash is not a problem.
- iv. Insurance includes more than typical P&C coverage. It includes many forms of liability. The church is covered by the insurance offered by the Episcopal Church.

- v. Phil has a more detailed report that is available upon request.

3. Discussion Items

a. Regional Vestry Gathering – April 29 9:00 AM (Cheryl and Betsy)

- i. RSVPs from other churches are due next week. Vicki guesses there will be 75 – 100 people, about ten vestries. Food will be delivered. People will be on hand to help with directions and needs. They will wear their red name tags.
- ii. Paper products are on hand., as well as cups, dessert plates and napkins.

b. Organ Recital Reception – April 30 (Barb and Ted) 4:00

- i. A sign-up genius being posted for set up, clean up and goodies. The audience will include members of the community, not associated with St. Marks. It is being advertised to the American Organists Guild.
- ii. Michael and his husband both have birthdays on April 27th. We will do something to recognize that. (Birthday cake?) Sing “Happy Birthday.”

c. Culture and Artisan’s Fair – May 6 (Brenda and Barb)

- i. Brenda has it well organized. George and Ellen oversee set up and clean up. They are looking for djembe players. Afternoon music is a jazz ensemble from the Upper Arlington High School. There will be food from S. Africa, and Mexican food. Vicki has sent out press releases. Vicki will send the bulletin announcement to the Vestry so we can share. If it rains, it will be in the parish hall. CRIS is our partner. This is the first year for this festival. The goal this year is simply for it to happen. We are hoping it will grow over time. It is well supported by Upper Arlington City.
- ii. There will be food trucks. Their fee is waived.
- iii. The jazz ensemble will receive an honorarium.

d. High Tea -May 7 (Andrea, Roman and Cheryl)

- i. Andi is checking into having children’s formation doing hat making.
- ii. We need an article in the Epistle, the deadline is next week. Vicki needs details for This Week and the bulletin.

e. First Look at 2023-2024 Program Year Calendar:

- i. Take it home and look at it to discuss and tweak at the Vestry Day.
- ii. First Sunday outreach is not listed yet. Evening knitting group is not listed yet; more conversation needs to be had.
- iii. Christmas Eve is on a Sunday, which makes for a long day for clergy, choir and those who help with the services.

4. Open Discussion – Parking Lot Issues

- a. Next Vestry meeting is May 2, back to normal.
- b. How can we be more active and have scripts to answer about questions on the Episcopal Church, and concerning churches that are pushing their agenda. Vicki says this could be a good series for adult formation. The Youth Group could also formulate answers as well with guidance and support.
- c. Perhaps the Youth could lead a first Sunday with the adults. They could share their ideas for how to share their faith. The youth will need some time to prepare before we come together.
- d. Vicki will be meeting with the adult formation team to plan adult formation for next year.
- e. Cheryl gave a shout out to the Flower Guild. It was lovely to see the Vigil come together as the choir practiced while the guild put the flowers together.
- f. UA Farmer’s Market will be at the Pavilion on Wednesday afternoons. How do we want to take advantage of that proximity. Could it be paired with Compline on the patio at 7:00? Perhaps the farmers market could continue into the winter by moving it into the church?

5. Good of the Order: Nothing currently.

6. Blessing and Adjourn

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed. Prayer from Vicki

Respectfully submitted, Jody Porreca