

# SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Vestry Meeting

May 2, 2023

**Present:** Cheryl Boop, Kevin Fix, Betsy Gillespie, Brenda Hammersley, Jodi Hess, Julia Johnson Davis, Bruce Johnson, Barb Keyes, Anna Markwardt, Ted, Meyers, Jody Porreca, Roman Skoracki, Vicki Zust

**Absent:** Michael Bowman, Andi Waller, Phil Glanden, Steve Brindza, Martha Belury

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm by Cheryl Boop. Vicki Zust led Vestry in an opening prayer. Cheryl welcomed all.

1. **MINUTES** of the April 2023 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion, seconded and passed, the minutes were approved as written.

2. **Reports**

i. **Rector's Report: Vicki**

- i. The church is having fire alarm issues. A smoke detector tends to go off when it gets wet. The roofers are fixing the roofing issues. Until the work is done, it will not be repaired. Should there be a fire issue with smoke, the smoke detector will override the silencer and the alarm will work, so do not be worried about seeing it on silence. The problem is not the roof, but the drainage in the narthex. It should be fixed within the next ten days.
- ii. The diocese, who hosts our website, updated their website, which has broken the links on our website. We can't currently update our web site.
- iii. There were 105 people in attendance at the organ recital. Between the organ recital, the vestry day, and the joint youth event, we had nearly 200 people in our church this weekend, not counting church attendance. Vicki thanks everyone who helped make all our guests welcome.

ii. **Senior Warden's Report (Cheryl)** It has been wonderful to see how we are gelling as a community. People worked together so well at the reception. New members in the choir report feeling very much a part of the community. Cheryl would like to have a big summer picnic at a metro park with a softball game., if not this year, then soon. We have a great group of people who would like to come together. The question was asked if choir members must first belong to the church. That answer is no.

iii. **Junior Warden's Report (Kevin)** Kevin walked the board through his written report, touching upon four areas.:

- i. Overview of the network and AV systems.
- ii. Diocesan Building Assessment & Environmental Grant: Could be \$25,000. This involves a \$10,000 gift with the availability of a low interest loan. Since St. Mark's has reserves it may not make sense to apply for the loan.
  1. Hot water heater
  2. Upgraded lighting in the parish hall.
  3. Insulation projects.
  4. Replacing rotting window frames, and some window replacement. We are getting quotes on this work.
  5. Have HVAC engineers assess our systems and draw up a work plan. We currently have four systems.
- iii. The Diocese is offering facilities assessments at no charge, to be performed by Smart Church Solutions. St. Mark's is on the list.
- iv. The problem with water in the smoke alarm.

iv. **Treasurer's Report (Phil)** No report currently. It is too early in the month to get it done. It will be provided next month.

3. **Discussion Items**

- i. Culture and Artisan's Fair – May 6 (Brenda and Barb) It is ready to launch. It has been well publicized. Brenda asks everyone to come and buy an item and patronize a food truck so they will come back. It is looking very exciting. Many forms of payment will be accepted. It has been well publicized.
- ii. High Tea – May 7 (Andrea, Roman and Cheryl) It is going to happen. There will be sandwiches, fruit, and cookies. There is no need for music, as everyone will be talking. It will be fun.
- iii. Canterbury Choir Evensong – May 21 (Brenda and Betsy) It will be on the website. It will be a kid – friendly reception. It will be publicized the same as other concerts. They predict about 70 people in attendance, based on previous experience.
- iv. Pentecost Picnic – May 28 (Kevin and Steve) Planning is underway. The Marksmen will provide barbeque. The sign-up genius list from last year is available. There will not be a pie contest. With graduations and Memorial Day happening, it may negatively affect turn out.
- v. Pride – June 11 (Cheryl, Ted, and Andrea) We have ordered specific swag with our website for the table. There will also be some more generic Episcopal swag from the diocese. The time is 1:00 to 5:00 PM. We will not have a tent, so wear a hat. There will be fans. We should have a better booth placement. Vicki is working on a brochure that addresses the issues of inclusion. Suggestion to get T-shirts for the UA and Columbus parades.
- vi. 2023 - 2024 Program Year Calendar: This will be tabled for now. Watch for an email addressing this.
- vii. Vestry Person of the Week. The list was sent around to fill in the open slots.

#### **4. Open Discussion – Parking Lot Issues**

- i. Next month the meeting is on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Vicki is offering to host it at her house with a cookout. She will send an email with details.

#### **5. Good of the Order:**

- i. Jody P reported that the Street Church experience was moving.
- ii. Pat Kirkley funeral will be Friday, June 9 at 2:00 PM

#### **6. Blessing and Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed. Prayer from Vicki

**Respectfully submitted,  
Jody Porreca**