

# SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Vestry Meeting

October 3, 2023

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

**Absent:** Bruce Johnson, Julia Johnson Davis, Andi Waller,

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

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the September 2023 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved as amended.

## 2. Reports

### i. Rector's Report: Vicki

- i. Fall kick off went well. A lot of work was done on workday.
- ii. We have a new Bishop: Kristen Uffelman White. We are waiting on the consents to come in. She will be here in the Diocese in December, and ordained on February 7, at the Columbus Convention Center. St. Mark's will probably be asked for a lot of help.
- iii. Youth events: Friday 10/20, Vicki conducts the half time show for the Upper Arlington Marching Band. We have students in Seussical that same weekend. We have youth rowing in the Haxton regatta. Pianorama, a regional piano exhibition is November 4<sup>th</sup> Riley Jones and the Bester girls are playing. We are in the community supporting these efforts.
- iv. October 22 is the pulpit swap. Vicki is going to Mechanicsburg and Urbana. Gia Hayes-Martin from St. John's Worthington will be at St. Mark's. She was chair of the Bishop's search committee.

### ii. Senior Warden's Report (Cheryl)

- i. Cheryl appreciated getting ready for the vote for Bishop. She was able to communicate with people, outside the church sharing viewpoints, and the mission of our church. The overall feeling is optimistic and hopeful.

### iii. Junior Warden's Report (Kevin)

- i. Parish workday went well. People took on additional tasks that they saw needed done and jumped in.
- ii. Still working on scheduling tree trimming and shrubbery. Should be done in the next week.
- iii. Parish assessment report, Smart Church Services has been received. It will be useful for us. They provided a detailed list of recommended maintenance projects, mostly h-Vac. It is a good foundation for things to discuss. We need to digest the information before moving forward. It is 57 pages long, so a lot to consider.

### iv. Treasurer's Report (Phil)

- i. Administrative expenses: The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter premium has been paid, so it looks like we're ahead of budget, but we aren't.
- ii. Phil explained his budget report. All good news: ¾ of the way through the year, we are still in the black.
- iii. Stewardship campaign will start in October.

## 3. Discussion Items

### i. Stewardship (Julia and Betsy)

Final tweaks on the letter which will go out next week.

The Vestry is encouraged to make their pledges now.

Stewardship party on same weekend as Halloween gathering. We will have a cake.

**ii. Emergency Preparedness (Ted)**

- i. Met 3 weeks ago. There is a host of resources available from the diocese. They will reconvene next week after they have read through the information. They are looking at various scenarios that might occur. There should be a fire drill during church. Visit from UA police and fire could be one of the next steps.
- ii. Look for a report at the next vestry meeting.

**iii. Halloween Coffee Hour (Anna and Jodi)**

- i. Pumpkin carving and painting. Medium pumpkins for carving. Small pumpkins for decorating. Plastic table clothes on tables outside. 5 or six medium pumpkins and 10 small ones. There are many activities going on that same day, including Street Church.

**iv. Fall Festival (Martha and Barb)**

- i. Turkey raffle (2) and a cake walk after the 10:30 service November 5. There will be a table with crafts, and games for the children. Martha will oversee soliciting baked goods. Cheryl will help with selling raffle tickets after the 8:00

**v. All Saints' Evensong Reception (Ted and Brenda) Sunday, November 5**

- i. Brenda is making a sign-up genius. It will launch on the 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a busy day with many activities throughout the day.
- ii. Youth group could be pressed into service for clean-up.

**vi. Youth Group Fund Raiser: Raking lawns for \$50**

**4. Open Discussion: Parking Lot Issues**

- i. November 17<sup>th</sup> Harmony Project here at St. Mark's. Tickets are \$25. 7:30 PM. OSU Glee Clubs will be singing; Michael will be playing. There will be a silent auction. There is a need for items for the auction. This supports NNEMAP.
- ii. Anna Markwardt spoke with members of the Youth group who would like to help with social media. Vicki suggested they work on getting this going at their meeting in November.
- iii. How do we use our Facebook page. The YouTube page is connected to an unknown email address. It was set up before Vicki's arrival. She may have to start a new one.

**5. Blessing and Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn and seconded. Passed at 8:11 PM Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed. Prayer from Vicki

**Respectfully submitted,  
Jody Porreca**