

SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Meeting

February 6, 2024

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

Absent: Roman Skoracki

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 November 2023 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion, seconded and passed, the minutes were approved as corrected.

2. **Reports**

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

- i. Sam Slee died on Monday. He will be greatly missed. Funeral Friday, 9th at 11:00 AM at St. Mark's. There will be cookies and punch at the reception. In lieu of flowers send contributions to St. Mark's.
- ii. Average Sunday attendance 137 last year in person, which is back to pre-pandemic levels. Average Sunday digital attendance is 168. Pre pandemic, we didn't have a digital presence.
- iii. There are visitors every Sunday and many of them return.
- iv. Pledging is up 5 %. We began last year with a \$58,000 deficit and ended the year \$118,000 in the black. Vicki was very appreciative of the Vestry's efforts.
- v. Capital Campaign committee is meeting next week. Report next month.
- vi. Holy Week and Easter coming up. More info to come.
- vii. Joann Drew is working on getting the new website up. Brenda is helping with the Epistle. Vicki is doing the annual report.
- viii. The first outreach summit met last month, January 21. 40 people were there. Some of them new to outreach. It seems to be working well. The next late service gathering will be in June.
- ix. Met with city and UA Farmer's Market. The next one begins in the middle of May. They want to move it out of the parking lot onto Dorset, facing the church. They will use our front lawn for the community tables and children's activities. This will be great for us. Further details pending.
- x. Thanks to Julia, Jodi and Roman for their service on the vestry.

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

- i. Coffee hour is amazing. Choir members are staying and becoming involved in church life. Supper club was well attended.
- ii. Preparation for the coming of Bishop White. Leisure is God's work. (Bishop Smith)

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

- i. Bishop White is going to be great. She is well-spoken with great ideas.
- ii. Drinking fountain needs to be replaced by the kitchen.
- iii. Has been trained in the mysteries of lighting the oven and stove top. He can help when it's needed.
- iv. Diocesan Facilities and Grounds Consortium. Newly created, a group of Junior wardens to share ideas and solutions. They talked about H-Vacs last month and security coming up.

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

- i. Phil will be doing his 7th annual meeting as treasurer. He feels confident. This year is all good news.

ii. Went through the 2023 Statement of Activity and 2024 Budget.

iii. Went through the Balance Sheet

3. Discussion Items

i. Parochial Report (Vicki).

1. Corrected the pledge amount. This is given to the diocese to preserve our 501C3 standing.

2. Vicki went through the report.

3. Motion to approve the report. Seconded and approved.

ii. Annual Meeting: February 13. There will be subs and chips. The hybrid setup will be up. Set-up will happen between the two services.

iii. Pancake Supper

1. Will be done by the Marksmen.

2. Youth will help serve.

iv. Ash Wednesday & Lent (Vicki)

1. Wednesdays will be a simple supper, they will do the eggs, and a book study will happen with people reading at their own pace. One meeting to discuss.

2. Quiet morning on Feb 24

v. Skylight & Folding Door

1. Leaking roof quote \$7,000 to \$12,000. The larger number is to do the whole skylight, rather than a spot fix. They recommend the full \$12,000 out of the Trinity fund to fix the whole thing, rather than spot fix it. Doing the whole thing comes with a multi-year warranty. Motion to fix the sky light at \$12,000 approved.

2. Folding door repair, maintain and have both sides covered with carpet. Quote is \$5,500. Moved, seconded, and approved.

vi. March 3 Evensong Reception (Brenda & Martha) The choir wishes to be asked to help. Cheryl will send an email to them.

vii. Appointment of Vestry Appointed Endowment Trustee

1. Two are elected at annual meeting, two are ex-officio, and two are appointed by vestry. Julia has agreed to be nominated. Moved and seconded and approved that Julia be a vestry appointee, replacing Phil whose term is expiring.

viii. Emergency Preparedness (Ted)

1. Report next month

4. **Thank you to Roman, Julia & Jodi** for their service to the church as they leave the vestry

5. Open Discussion – Parking Lot Issues

i. Sunday school person will start next year.

ii. Cleaning quotes are in process.

6. Blessing and Adjourn 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jody Porreca