

St. Mark's Church Vestry Meeting

March 5, 2024

Minutes

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Reverend Vicki Zust

Attendance: Dwight Anstaett, Michael Bowman, Steve Brindza, Kevin Fix, Brenda Hammersley, Bruce Johnson, Norman Jones, Barb Keyes, Anna Markwardt, Ted Myers, Jody Porreca, The Rev. Vicki Zust, Park Zimpher,

Not present: Martha Belury, Cheryl Boop, Betsy Gillespie,

Call to Order: The meeting called to order at 7:31 by Vicki Zust. Vicki opened with prayer.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Approved as amended.

2. Reports

a. Rector's Report (Vicki)

- i. Welcome to new and returning vestry members.
- ii. Human Connections Festival at the high school tomorrow. St. Mark's will have a table. Each organization talks about how their organization connects to people and helps people connect to each other.
- iii. Wednesday Lent program will continue as scheduled.
- iv. \$5,000 grant to support our ministry in Vinton County from the Episcopal Community Ministries. We were hoping for \$2,500, and got what we asked for.
- v. Holy Week is coming soon.
- vi. Canterbury Choir is going to the National Cathedral the weekend after Easter. Vicki will go with them. Bruce Smith will be covering pastoral duties.
- vii. Last year we approved \$4,000 for deep cleaning. The quote is higher, but the service is local and more responsive. We will juggle some money to make it work. \$5,940 is the quote. They will focus on bathrooms, floors, and kitchen.

b. Senior Warden's Report (Cheryl) Not present

c. Junior Warden's Report (Kevin)

- i. Skylight repairs are completed. There will be work on the 19th and 20th to reupholster the movable wall. It will be done in time for Holy Week.
- ii. Drinking fountain from the kitchen will be removed.
- iii. Parish workday: March 23rd. A list of items will be put together for that day, minor repairs and upkeep.
- iv. 2024: Focus on last summer's parish assessment. We were given suggestions for projects and repairs etc. Facilities and grounds committee will get together to prioritize and schedule.
- v. Emergency preparedness: At a point to start putting together some policies. A) CPR training from the fire department. B) Conducting a fire drill.

d. Treasurer's Report (Phil)

- i. Phil is on vacation. Vicki went over Phil's condensed version of the month's report. Phil can give the full version on request.

3. Discussion Items

1. Welcome new members.

2. Sign-ups and Vestry Person of the Week

- a. The Vestry person greets people coming in. Introduce yourself to those who are new. There is a pad of paper to write down things such as when you find out someone is in the hospital etc.
- b. Vicki sent the list around for sign-up.
- c. May – July sign ups.: Vicki explained each team briefly. Vicki went around the room so members could choose. She started with the new members. Most spots were filled; Vicki will check with those who were absent to fill in the empty spots.

3. Skylight and folding door updates.

- a. See above (2 c 1)

4. Look at 2023 -24 goals:

- a. Getting newcomers engaged.
- b. Moving website. Joanne is working on it and should be done by fall.
- c. A position is in the budget to bring in support for the children's formation.
- d. Small group gathering opportunities: Tour of Asia and knitting group are examples. Looking for more.
- e. Have a plan for the Capital campaign. There will be a council after Easter.
- f. Ad Hoc committee for the celebration of the 75th anniversary.

5. Emergency preparedness (Ted)

- a. City and diocese have given advice. The committee will be getting together to make a response plan. More to come after Easter.

6. Workday, March 23

7. AGO Reception – April 7

4. Open Discussion, Parking Lot Issues

- a. 75th anniversary: All that we know is it is happening.
- b. April 7th baby shower. Invitation to all to plan to come – outreach project.
- c. The Artisan's fair will be twice as large as last year. Everyone should come.

5. Blessing and Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.