

**St. Mark's Church Vestry Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 7, 2024**  
**Minutes**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer: The Reverend Vicki Zust**

**Attendance:** Cheryl Boop, Brenda Hammersley, Vicki Zust, Kevin Fix, Barb Keyes, Steve Brindza, Martha Belury, Betsy Gillespie, Michael Bowman, Dwight Anstaett, Park Zimpher, Phil Glandon,

**Digital Attendance:** Norman Jones, Bruce Johnson

**Not present:** Ted Meyers, Anna Markwardt, Jody Porreca

**Call to Order:** The meeting called to order at 7:31 by Cheryl Boop

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Approved as amended.
2. **Reports**

**Rector's Report (Vicki)**

- The fair was a lot of fun; it was a good day; we had more people and made more money.
- One baptism last Sunday, his parents are part of the digital congregation. This is our first.
- Another new family is having a baptism. They also worship digitally.
- Thank you note from the Bishop for hosting the conversations last week.
- Note and a check for \$100 from the UA crew, for allowing them to use the building for their fund raiser.
- Next Monday, the 13<sup>th</sup>, the diocese is hosting a conversation about being affirming to the LGBTQ community. Vicki cannot attend and asked if someone could go in her place. Dwight volunteered.
- Vicki is working on finding the new part time assistant for children's formation.
- Vicki will be missing two Sundays in June, one with a youth group trip and one for her niece's wedding. Vicki will be taking some Thursdays in June and July off in addition to Fridays instead of taking whole weeks off this summer.
- Vicki will not host the Vestry at her house in June as she usually does, due to her travel plans two days later, but she will have a small gathering in July instead.

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

- The organ recital was wonderful, and the reception went well. Attendance was about 50 people
- The Regional Vestry Day went well.
- There has been an increase in attendance at the 8:00 service. The community is growing.

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

- Reviewed the list of projects to be done. The objective was to determine what goes into a capital campaign list and what should be for the next parish workday. One item added to the list the wall in the Memorial Garden that needs attention.
- Talk about several projects, several lighting projects, including replacing lights with LED lights rather than replacing the entire fixtures, landscaping plans from the main entrance east toward Tremont that Bruce Johnson is working on.
- We are looking for some grants for some of our larger project

- Crash bars on the doors. One of the doors needs repaired or replaced.
- There is space in the basement that has been used as meeting space. Vicki does not want to use it in that way because the only way to access it is one steep staircase. It can be used for storage space.
- Concrete items that need repair.
- The drinking fountain is slated for removal.

### **Treasurer's Report (Phil)**

- Phil went through the financial report. We are in good shape.
- The Bishop is returning money to the parishes as the diocese has a surplus.
- We have some training that we have already paid for on Shelby, our church management software. Phil is trying to line up people who want to take training in either the financial or membership modules.
- Financial report passed

### **3. Discussion Items**

- Culture & Artisans Fair. 36 – 40 parishioners were there to help. Over \$9,000 in sales. The planners will be looking at what worked and what didn't to guide the planning for next year.
- Pentecost Picnic. People are starting to sign up. People will bring sides and desserts. Vicki has plates etc.
- Canterbury choir Evensong. Food will be ordered, plates and napkins are here. They will use the popcorn machine.
- Pride. Upper Arlington Pride is Sunday June 9 from 1 – 5 at Sunny 95 Park. Columbus Pride Parade is June 15. The Columbus Pride Mass is June 20 at 7 p.m. at Trinity.
- Farmer's Market is starting next Wednesday. UA is providing a tent for the nonprofits.
- Vicki went through some calendar events for next year. She has requested a visit from the Bishop. Vicki gave her a preferred date range, but in the end, the Bishop will choose what works for her schedule. Other dates will be added as they become known. Vicki is looking to add a Pub Theology event in the fall.

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

- Question about treating the grass, also exterminators have been called about the ants and the carpenter bees,
- The new mic is being adjusted. It is really loud. Vicki is working on how much to project into it.

### **5. Blessing and Adjourn : Meeting adjourned.**