

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Vestry Minutes, September 3, 2024, 7:30 PM

Attendance: Martha Belury, Cheryl Boop, Steve Brindza, Kevin Fix, Brenda Hammersley, Bruce Johnson, Norman Jones, Barb Keyes, Anna Markwardt, Jody Porreca, Park Zimpher, Vicki Zust

Digital Attendance: Dwight Anstaett, Phil Glandon, Betsy Gillespie, Michael Bowman

Not Present: Ted Meyers

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Rev. Vicki Zust

Call to Order: Cheryl Boop: Senior Warden 7:31 PM

1. Approval of Previous Minutes: By vote
2. Reports:
 - i. Rector's Report (Vicki)
 - a. Michael Murray, our organist emeritus, died Sunday evening. Vicki does not have funeral arrangements yet. Keep Gary in your prayers.
 - b. Fall kickoff this weekend. Canterbury choir getting ready for camp, Adult choir is practicing, children's and adult formation are ready to begin.
 - c. Bake sale was amazing! \$1930 raised. This is significantly more than last year. There was beautiful weather, and our table was well positioned to draw a crowd.
 - d. This year's budget approves hiring a third person for children's formation team. They will be interviewing a candidate a week from tomorrow. Vicki is optimistic about this candidate.
 - e. Met with the rector and a warden of St. Patrick's to discuss how the two churches could work together to reach out to the many new people who are moving into the area. The 19 zip codes from 315 N and South and over to the west have had a lot of new people moving in. Building projects are booming. They will be working on messaging and coming up with a plan to kick off next fall, with support from the diocese. More info to come.
 - f. There are two community events we are hosting. On 9/26, the Senior Palooza (This is a new event, sponsored by the UA Commission on Aging). There will be speakers and information on services for seniors. On 10/13 UA Historical Society will offer "History Speaks" A professor from Case will present on Native history of this area. (In conjunction with Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day).
 - ii. Senior Warden's Report (Cheryl)
 - a. Summer services have gone very well.
 - b. Choir is starting up again.
 - iii. Junior Warden's Report (Kevin)
 - a. There is an issue with the oldest hvac unit which cools the 2nd floor of the education wing. The piano has its own humidity control so it will be OK. The hope is we can get through until the capital project is ready.
 - b. They have a quote for crash bars on the three doors in the parish hall. There is also the door to the playground that needs to be replaced. The quote from Thomas Door for the

work is \$6,700. The cost is evenly split between installing the three crash bars and replacing the one door. There is money in the budget to cover this. The Vestry approved the expense.

iv. Treasurer's Report (Phil)

- a. The audit is done and filed on time. No adjustments were made. The only comment is that cash counting is done by a single person which elevates the risk. Phil feels that we don't handle that much cash, so the risk is minimal. to the numbers.
- b. Phil can email a copy of the full report to anyone who wants it. philglandon@gmail.com

3. Discussion Items

- i. Affirming Congregations Resolution: Vicki used a prewritten resolution that we could use to confirm that we welcome all our church. While the first paragraph is probably sufficient, the second paragraph goes into more detail. Marginal groups are welcome not just in attendance, but in leadership roles as well. There was some discussion about adding regardless of political views to the list of who we accept. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve it.
- ii. Disaster Preparedness Plan: A formal written plan draft was presented to the Vestry. It contains bullet points for responses to various emergency scenarios. It is not a final document. Feedback is welcome.
 - a. We do not have Narcan on site yet. There is a training presentation that someone needs to attend to get it. Once it is obtained, anyone can use it. It is easy to administer.
 - b. Vestry and Ushers need to be familiar with the processes.
 - c. Carbon monoxide detectors need to be purchased.
- iii. Workday (Dwight, Bruce & Kevin) Vicki has the list of projects and the supplies needed. Lunch has been ordered from Chipotle.
- iv. Pet Blessing (Betsy & Cheryl) Publicity will happen.
- v. Stewardship (Betsy & Norman): The committee met and has drafted a letter to go out the first week of October. In-gathering on November 3rd. Vestry members should consider their pledge early.
- vi. Look at 2023 -24 Program Year Goals & Update for 2024 -25
 - a. Web site: the Diocese has updated its servers and our current web site is working better than it was. We may not move to the updated platform right away. We will need to eventually. Vicki suggests we look for someone to hire a website designer. This will be part of the '24-25 goals.
 - b. Keep how we get newcomers engaged.
 - c. Capital Campaign
 - d. 75th Anniversary
 - e. Building participation in Children's Formation.

Vicki will craft some statements for the goals.

4. Open Discussion – Parking Lot Issues

- a. Pub Theology: 24 people. This was more than was expected. Response has been very favorable.

5. Blessing and Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 8:41

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Porreca, clerk