

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Vestry Minutes, October 1, 2024, 7:30 PM

Attendance: Dwight Anstaett, Martha Belury, Cheryl Boop, Michael Bowman, Steve Brindza, Kevin Fix, Phil Glandon Brenda Hammersley, Norman Jones, Barb Keyes, Anna Markwardt, Ted Meyers, Jody Porreca, Park Zimpher, , Vicki Zust

Digital Attendance:

Not Present: Bruce Johnson, Betsy Gillespie,

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Rev. Vicki Zust

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

1. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** By vote as amended. (Changes in name spelling)

2. **Reports:**

i. **Rector's Report (Vicki)**

- a. There is no update on Michael Murray's funeral arrangements. Vicki will meet next week to get the arrangements underway.
- b. Thanks for participating in the Capital campaign first impression gathering. The parish survey will come after the stewardship campaign. After that we will get the results of the feasibility study.
- c. There have been issues with Wi-fi. Every wi-fi switch in the complex had to be manually reset to get through the firewall. Then the problem could be diagnosed, and the solution found. It is 90% fixed but there's still some clean-up to be done.
- d. Starting yesterday afternoon there have been problems with the phones. Some connect but some do not. There will be a service call soon to rectify the problem.
- e. 150 people came through the senior-palooza. UA was very pleased. The commission on aging will make a donation to St. Mark's for the use of the space.
- f. We are a sponsor of the Tremont school. Friday is the Tremont School Fall Festival. They need help at 3:30 to set up carnival games from anyone who can help.
- g. Bishop White is coming in May 18th for visitation and Confirmation. It is also the day of the canterbury choir evensong. The Bishop has been invited to stay for the evensong.
- h. Nov 22 and 23 is the Diocesan Convention. We have 4 representatives going, Cheryl, Kevin, Michael and Barb.
- i. The rector and wardens of St. Patrick's have been meeting with us about how to reach the exploding new population of our central Ohio area. It is 19 zip codes. Vicki pulled up all new sign-ups for utilities. In 60 days, there were 6,200 households. The plan is to do a combo of direct mail (Christmas, Easter, and Fall,) with social media advertising. We would expect 1% response rate. The budget for three sets of direct mails would be \$30,000. They pitched the Bishop for \$25,000 in support. She has not said "No." This is a pilot project, and it is completely replicable.
 - i. The churches will do the Christmas push whether they get Diocesan funding or not. We should know relatively soon whether or not we will get diocesan help.

ii. Senior Warden's Report (Cheryl)

- a. Cheryl has received no emails

iii. Junior Warden's Report (Kevin)

- a. We had a successful workday in September. Thanks to those who helped. Mostly cleaning and cosmetic stuff.
- b. We are expecting a bill of about \$2,000 for the work done to repair the network and Wi-fi issues.
- c. Update on doors. By the end of October the panic bars on the patio will be installed. The other doors will be done in November.

iv. Treasurer's Report (Phil)

- a. Referred to statement in packet. It is a month old. We are in pretty good shape. September statement will be done soon. We budgeted a 34,000 deficit; we are currently \$39,000 in the black.

3. Discussion Items

- i. Pet Blessing: Betsy & Cheryl: will happen Sunday
- ii. Stewardship: Betsy & Norman
 - a) Letters for this year and the online form have been updated. They will be sent out next Monday.
 - b) There is a speaker lined up for October 13th. Vicki will do the stewardship sermon on the 20th.
 - c) The goal is \$500,000
 - d) We need for the Vestry to update their pledge in advance. (Before next week if possible)
 - e) The ingathering is the 3rd of November.
 - f) Betsy has done wonders in this work.
- iii. Fall Festival: Barb & Brenda November 3rd
 - a) Raffle ticket sales start Sunday.
 - b) They are looking for helpers with bake sale, cake walk.
 - c) Proceeds will go to hurricane relief.
- iv. Evensong Reception: Norman & Ted
 - a) November 3rd at 4:00
 - b) Sign up genius is ready.
 - c) Youth group will help clean up the Fall Festival and set up for evensong.
- v. 2024-2025 Program Year Goals
 - a) Building children's formation.
 - 1. Darian McCoy is the new assistant in children's formation.
 - 2. There is an increase of children in Sunday School
 - 3. Through the month the children are studying the readings for the first Sunday of the next month, to prepare them for that Sunday's liturgy.
 - b) Engaging the community may not need to be a goal because we are doing it, and we won't be stopping.
- vi. Recruiting Vestry Candidates
 - a) All three wardens are on one-year terms.
 - b) Anna is graduating and will need to be replaced.
 - c) Martha, Betsy, Bruce and Barb need to be replaced.
 - d) To be a Vestry member you must be a confirmed member of the Episcopal church. Someone who is going to be confirmed in May can be considered.
 - e) A desire for "new blood" was expressed.
 - f) Spend the next month observing and talking to people who might be interested in taking a role.

4. Open Discussion – Parking Lot Issues

i. Visiting central Ohio attractions

- a) Earthworks visit was cancelled due to rain.
- b) October 20 Early television museum. Participants will go to lunch at Hilliard Station and then the museum at 1:00.
- c) November 10, the veteran's museum.

- ii. Parking situation: As the Tremont Center gets busier on Sunday morning, we need to keep an eye on this. Should we lose the ability to park at the Tremont Center lot, that could be a significant issue.

5. Blessing and Adjourn Meeting: 8:32

Respectfully submitted,
Jody Porreca, clerk