

St. Mark's Vestry Minutes
May 6, 2025
7:30 PM

Attendance: Dwight Anstaett, Cheryl Boop, Michael Bowman, Steve Brindza, Kevin Fix, Phil Glandon, , Bill Lange, Jody Porreca, Mary Beth Smith, Dan Verrilli, John Wilson, Park Zimpher, Vicki Zust

Digital Attendance Norm Jones

Not Present: Melanie Tepley, Ted Meyers, Alex Reed

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Vicki Zust: 7:32

Call to Order: Cheryl Boop 7:32

I. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved to approve, seconded and approved.

II. Reports:

i. Rector's Report: Vicki

- a) Thanked all who helped with the workday. Need a little work on the new TV. Should be solved sometime before Christmas.
- b) 3,000 postcards were sent out for Easter service in conjunction with St. Patrick's as part of our evangelization project. The 9:00 service went from 143 last year to 170 attendance this year. The 11:00 service saw an increase from 161 last year to 189 this year, an increase of just over 50. We paid \$54 to boost the video on Facebook. We had 12,000 paid views and organic was 340. There were 512 views on TikTok.
- c) Easter services were amazing. The music was transcendent. All the Holy Week services were inspiring.
- d) Thanks to all who helped with the Cultural and Artisans' fair, especially those who worked outdoors in the rain. Our community stepped up and made it a success. This year our artisans made over \$6,000, and given the weather this was quite good. The city relations committee is also surprised and pleased at how well it went. The vendors were happy; the dancers and the musicians were amazing.
- e) Vestry pins are on the table for nametags.
- f) July 8 – 28, Vicki will be on vacation. Bruce Smith will cover.
- g) Initial Capital campaign meetings have begun with those we think will be major donors, and we are over \$500,000 so far. Once those are completed the committee will look at the next tier of donors. We will come to the Vestry at our August meeting.
- h) Looking at two possible grants this summer. One is a state grant that may help with the H-Vac, and the other is a Diocesan grant that may help with the bell tower project. We will go to the congregation in September.

ii. Senior Warden Report: Cheryl

- a) Marksmen have been meeting on Wednesdays, new members have come, and the women's group has had two meetings so far. Everybody feels welcome and new members are coming.
- b) There is a vitality to us as evidenced in the Cultural Arts Fair.

iii. Junior Warden Report: Kevin

- a) Appreciated all who helped on the parish workday
- b) We received a preliminary estimate on the H-Vac systems at \$749,000. This is just a rough guess. They recommend that the maple tree in back by the heating unit on the ground. would have to come out. We are hoping to find a way to keep the tree. Vicki said if we get the State grant, the state will have some input on how we do the project.
- c) The tree that was taken out last year will be replaced by the city. (It was on their easement.) We can add money to what the city allots to get a larger tree.

iv. Treasurer's Report: Phil

- a) Phil presented an updated statement. April was a good month. We are ahead in revenue for the year. Phil went through the report.
- b) Our bylaws need to be updated as our procedures are different.
- c) Over budget items involve repairs.

III. Discussion Items:

i. Regional Vestry Day: May 10 (Cheryl and Park)

- a) May 10. Cheryl and Park oversee the day. Worship starts at 9:00. Should be done by 11:45.

ii. Farmer's Market: Opening May 14 (Park, Mary Beth and Bill)

- a) Grand Opening May 14. We need people to sign up to help. City manager and the mayor will be here on the 14th for the opening. The early shift needs volunteers who do not have day jobs.
- b) The therapy dog group will have their dogs at some of the farmers' markets.

iii. Bishop's Visit: May 18 (Steve and Michael)

- a) She will be here for all three services. (8:00, 10:30 AM and 4:00 PM. Between the morning services she will meet with the confirmands. There are 16 from our church and 2 coming from St. James, Columbus. Confirmation is at the 10:30 service. After the reception at coffee hour, she will meet with the vestry.
- b) She will not be bringing a deacon with her, and there will only be one vergers.
- c) The coffee hour team is planning the reception after the morning service with the help of a few others. Steve and Michael will help as needed.

iv. Canterbury Evensong Reception – May 18 (Ted and Alex)

- a) Vicki's discretionary fund is paying to have food delivered. The popcorn machine will be up and running. (Alex will do that) There will be plenty of gluten free options.
- v. **Pentecost Picnic – June 8 (Dwight and Melanie)**
 - a) Mark Drew will smoke meat. Sign-ups are not posted yet.
- vi. **UA Pride – June 29 (Dwight and Dan)**
 - a) (New date) They are doing several smaller activities through the month, rather than one big event. Ours will be the Family Pride picnic Sunday, June 29, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. At Fancyberg Park. Our booth should be geared for kids and families. We may be sharing with Covenant Presbyterian Church.
- vii. **2025 – 2026 Program year calendar**
 - a) We went through the calendar, which is not set in stone. Things can be added or taken off.
 - b) Tourist in Our Hometown, has not been well attended so that will be replaced.
 - c) Starting in September Saturday night will be a game night, (3rd Saturday of the month.
 - d) Pub theology will meet in June and in August, but not July. It will not meet in December.
 - e) Vicki answered questions and made some changes and additions.
- viii. **2024 – 2025 Program year goals**
 - a) Getting newcomers involved. The first meeting was last week. We brainstormed how we might move forward. We need plans in place before we begin averaging more than 150 people per service.
 - 1. May redesign the new visitor cards. (Perhaps add a QR code)
 - 2. Pay more attention to young adults.
 - b) 75th anniversary-
 - 1. It has been suggested that we have a parish recital. Highlight talent in the parish.
 - 2. Occasional festive coffee hours.

IV. Open Discussion: Parking Lot Issues

- a) FHA loan products are no longer available to non-citizen residents. This is a sad state. UA housing survey is out. We need more affordable housing.
- b) The presence of police at the cultural arts fair was much appreciated.
- c) The Bishop's question for us will be what have you done between Easter and her visit. We have many good answers!

V. Blessing and Adjourn: 8:37