

## St. Mark's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

January 15, 2022

**Attending:** The Reverend Susie Hebert, Kathy Barzilla, Michelle D'Antuono, Jon Eiche, Melissa Hamon, Alysoun Marks, Charlie Phillips, Christine Powell, Jeanne Reaves

**Absent:** none

**Guest:** Christine Faulstich, EDOT Canon to the Ordinary

1. The Reverend Susie Hebert opened the meeting at 6:30 with a prayer.
2. Reverend Susie Hebert asked that the Priest's Report be moved to the top of the agenda. She announced that her last day at St. Mark's will be February 28 and that the following Sunday, March 6 services will be conducted by Bishop Kai Ryan. She then introduced Christine Faultsch who spoke to the Vestry, stressing the importance of saying a good and healthy goodbye in times of transition. She opened the floor for questions about the process, supply priests, and a grant for funding supply. The Reverend Susie Hebert then turned the meeting over to Senior Warden Alysoun Marks.
3. On a motion by Alysoun Marks and seconded by Michelle D'Antuono, the remainder of the agenda was approved.
4. Charlie Powell moved and Jon Eiche seconded to accept the November 2021 minutes as presented.
5. The Calendar was reviewed with the following discussions:
  - a. The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be in-house on March 1, unless Melissa Hamon determines that there is reluctance on the part of the congregation to attend.
  - b. Ash Wednesday services will be conducted by a supply priest.
  - c. The Lenten Fish Fry needs to be scheduled; the most likely date will be April 1. Plans for are for in-house dining and drive through.
  - d. Church secretary Kim Hart will be on vacation April 19-27. Alysoun Marks will tend to the necessary tasks of that office.
6. Treasurer Michelle D'Antuono gave the following report:
  - a. The December financials show a deficit largely because of building upgrades and repairs.
  - b. Michelle D'Antuono moved and Melissa Hamon seconded to pay the Rector's salary through May while she is on sabbatical. The motion carried.
  - c. Michelle D'Antuono moved and Alysoun Marks seconded that the signatory cards at Amegy Bank for the Operating Fund Account and Savings Account need to be changed to reflect the following:

Remove Lee Leaman, Jon Eiche, and Vince Arnold as signatories.  
Add Alysoun Marks, Elisa Hughes, Michelle D'Antuono, and Melissa Hamon as signatories.
  - d. In a post meeting email, Michelle D'Antuono moved that a 6% cost of living raise be given to the church staff, to wit, the Rector, Kim Hart, Tom Thompson, And Reuben Luna. The total amount for the increases is \$5,642.00. Unanimous approval was sent through email.
  - e. The Treasurer announced that the Finance Committee agreed to pay the Rector's salary through May 22, 2022.
  - f. Michelle D'Antuono noted that the 2022 budget is a work in progress and that the final one will be presented at the February meeting.
  - g. At this point, the Church has 35 pledging units, promising a total of \$195, 500.

## 7. Committee Reports

- a. Senior Warden Alysoun Marks said that Lee Leaman will report on the county's revoke with regard to road work. She also noted the importance of keeping Safeguarding God's People training current.
  - b. There was no Junior Warden's report, but Senior Warden Alysoun Marks relayed that Kim Hart said that the air conditioning in the server room is out of service but should be repaired in 7-10 days.
  - c. School Representative Michell D'Antuono made several comments:
    1. Beginning in January 2022, the school will pay \$1000 a month to the Church for shared expenses as well as reimbursing the Church \$3500 for insurance over the past two years.
    2. The school has \$105,000 in the bank and should have \$35,000 left over at the end of the school year.
    3. Right now, there five 18-month olds, six 2-year olds, four 3-yr olds. Of those students, thirteen should return for the fall 2022 term.
  - d. Formation and Youth Chair Chris Abbott reported
    1. Thank you for helping to raise \$3580 for Youth for a Cure.
    2. A donation of \$500 for Episcopal Relief and Development has been made.
    3. The Church will collect non-perishable food for the Souper Bowl of Caring for February 6. Bins will be in the narthex. Elisa Hughes will help deliver.
    4. Forty-three You Tube recordings have been made for Kids Kingdom for a total of five children.
    5. There are five regular students in the 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade class.
    6. The EYC has made contact with the Calvary Youth Director for some joint activities.
    7. Chris Abbott has given out information about Camp Allen and is seeking funding to help send kids.
    8. Chris Abbott has requested that the Annual Meeting be outdoors around the firepit and also conducted by Zoom.
    9. Chris Abbott is wondering if Rob Hamon will conduct a Lenten series.
  - e. There was no Welcome Committee report.
  - f. Outreach Chair Jeanne Reeves said that her committee has done the following:
    1. The Women's Shelter received 127 books that had been donated by Church members.
    2. The committee made cuddly toys for the children at the Women's Shelter.
    3. The committee has participated in Family Promise and will continue to do so.
    4. The committee is collecting pet food for the pets of people who participate in Meals on Wheels.
  - g. The Reverend Susie Hebert said that choir members are still working with Tom Thompson and that someone needs to be the chaplain for Bishop Ryan on March 6. In an email vote on January 20, Senior Warden Alysoun Marks moved that beginning March 6, there will be only one Sunday morning service. The motion was seconded by Christine Powell, and it carried unanimously.
  - h. Isobel Gottschall continues with her teams for Sunday morning refreshments.
8. The Reverend Susie Hebert is grateful for the time she has been here serving and caring for the parishioners of St. Mark's. She wishes the best for the Church in the future.
  9. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

January 27, 2022

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Lane McCulley". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Sue Lane McCulley