

## **St. Mark's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes**

**October 15, 2019**

**Attending:** Reverend Susie Comer, Chris Abbott, Faith Fidelis-Ojah, Brandon Fletcher, Isobel Gotschall, Kim Janke, Brad Knecht, Lee Leaman, Bettye Newberry

**Absent:** Vince Arnold, Susan Hylton

### **Opening**

1. Opening prayer was led by Brad Knecht.
2. Reverend Susie Comer called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
3. Several corrections were made to the minutes of the September 15, 2019 Vestry Meeting. Number 4 should read "Lee Leaman is happy the church hired a new rector, Reverend Susie Comer." Also in number 4, Godly Play is pre-school. The 6-12 graders are using the Real and Relevant curriculum. Change the word "tasked" to "may or possibly be willing to present." Lee Leaman moved for the approval of the corrected minutes; the motion was seconded by Bettye Newberry and passed unanimously.
4. The calendar was altered to change the date of the Vestry elections from October 20 until there is a full slate. Christmas Day Eucharist (not Morning Prayer) on December 25 was added.
5. Discussion about the finance report and the SMES finance report included the following: Chris Abbott said that ministry leaders need a report each month even if there is no change. Lee Leaman needs to follow up so that Statements of Giving are correct. The USO Show was \$75 short of making a profit. The school is doing okay, in the black and paying the church back. There will be a clearer statement next month about tuition/scholarships. Rock Moen will revisit the shared use costs for the school and the church. The official IRS name for the church is St. Marks Episcopal Church and Youth Outreach Center. Lee Leaman moved to approve the reports. Brandon Fletcher seconded, and the motion pass unanimously.
6. The proposed Vision Statement was reviewed and one minor correction was suggested, that is, to capitalize the next to the last word (him). Brad Knecht moved to accept the Vision Statement as amended; Bettye Newberry seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
7. In his Senior Warden report, Brad Knecht emphasized the importance of the vestry's presenting a united front, implying that there is some dissension in the church. When questioned further by Reverend Susie Comer, Brad Knecht said that the three services pose a manpower problem—getting ushers, crucifers, gospel bearers. Reverend Susie Comer proposed that the church go to this schedule: Rite I at 8:00, Christian Formation at 9:00, and Rite II at 10:00, beginning the first Sunday in November. Vestry members were in favor.
8. Brad Knecht is the Stewardship Chairman. Packets of information and pledge cards were either handed out at the October 13 and October 20 meetings or were mailed.

9. In his Junior Warden report, Kim Janke said that the annual fire inspections and necessary minor repairs are finished. Kim also reported that the sprinkler system has a leak and repairs have been scheduled; he also reported that the dispersing sprinkler for the septic system has been located. Kim Janke's final report is that the trash/recycle contract expires in January 2020, and he is in negotiations for renewal.
10. Kim Janke said that there is nothing new on the road projects.
11. Faith Fidelis-Ojah announced that the Advent Christmas program will be on December 15 at the 10 o'clock service.
12. Chris Abbott said that Christian Formation has the lowest number of participants since 2014. There are no children in Godly Play and maybe two children in Kid's Kingdom. Chris Abbott also reminded everyone that the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation walk is October 26.
13. Reverend Susie Comer wants to keep Missional on the agenda and consider how the church greets people, etc.
14. Trunk or Treat will be October 26. Three or four have signed up, but Reverend Susie Comer said that historically people sign up at the last minute.
15. Reverend Susie Comer thanked Bishop Monterosso for his visit, thanked the Music Department for the USO show, and thanked those who organized and put on the Stewardship Luncheons. Reverend Susie Comer charged the Vestry with telling church members that she is always willing to talk with them when they have concerns.
16. Thank you notes will be sent to John Eiche and Alysoun and Scott Marks for the Stewardship Luncheons, to Bonnie Knecht for composing the Vision Statement, to Bill Brawn and his band for participation in the USO show and to Barbara Scheibner for chairing the Strategic Plan Committee.
17. A suggestion to plan a Vestry Retreat to discuss the Strategic Plan was made but no further discussion ensued.
18. Compline was led by Lee Leaman. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sue Lane McCulley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sue Lane McCulley

October 23, 2019