

St. Mark's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

November 15, 2022, 6:30 pm

Present: Alysoun Marks, Chris Abbott, Melissa Hamon, Charlie Phillips, Christine Powell, Sue Lane McCulley, Jon Eiche, Kathy Barzilla, Michelle D'Antuono, Elisa Hughes, Mary Anne Helms

I. Opening

A. AM opened meeting with a prayer.

B. Agenda was presented. MH made a motion to approve the agenda. Elisa Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried and agenda was approved.

C. Minutes of the October meeting were presented in a previous email. AM asked if everyone had read them, or if they needed to be read aloud. Everyone agreed that there was no need to read them. Charlie P made a motion that the minutes be approved. KB seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

D. Church Calendar was presented and discussed

II. Reports

A. Senior Warden Report - The Profile Committee is meeting and working on the Church Profile. The Rector's Discretionary Fund was closed out and the funds were withdrawn to be held in another account until we have a Rector. This was due to a change in the bank's fees. A large minimum balance was required to avoid the fees, so the account was closed.

B. Treasurer's Report - Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statements were distributed and reviewed. With the potential of having a new sound system paid for by a couple of parishioners, rather than add a new line item, the line item of Interior Beautification was changed to Interior Improvements, to be more flexible for future improvements. We are in the black for October, YTD. Some 2022 pledge monies are still coming in. So far, Stewardship for 2023 has resulted in 26 pledge cards totaling \$173,000. We still need quite a bit to meet the preliminary budget of \$321,256. Three percent was added to the Rector's package from 2022 to 2023.

C. Junior Warden Report - Ice machine stopped making ice. El Campo came out and fixed it. Ice machine will be cleaned. Pebble walkway was put out in front of church. Septic tank alarm went off and Septic Solution was called to come drain it because it was full. Game Warden said that we should paint some purple paint on trees around the property line. That is an indication of no trespassing. Survey people are starting to come on the property. They are supposed to notify Kim first. Some can lights need replacing. Bench in walkway was painted.

D. Christian Formation Kids - Safeguarding God's Children assignments for the 6-12 grade class have been made for the beginning of spring term. That includes January 8 through February 26 with January 29 off for the annual meeting. This includes Charlie Yates, Isobel Gotschall and Frank D'Antuono. Youth attendance has varied from 1 to 4. Teaching assistant assignments for Kids' Kingdom have been made for the beginning of the spring term. That includes January 8 through February 26 with

January 29 off for the annual meeting. This includes Kathy Barzilla, Melissa Hamon, Ruthie Hurta, Mary Anne Helms, and Helen Tanner. Youth attendance has varied from 1 to 4. Kids' Kingdom lessons for the beginning of the spring terms are as follows: 5 weeks Noah including construction of rain sticks, measuring the size of the arc, video, a readers' theater play and cooking dog treats, 1 week alleluia banner prior to Ash Wednesday. Tom and the choir were very cooperative and willing to work with the Kids' Kingdom group for the All Saints' Day song, "I Sing the Song of the Saints of God". Lent Madness posters for the 6-12 classroom and the parish hall have been ordered from the Forward Movement. Part of the 6-12 grade curriculum after the break will include studying those individuals who have been nominated for the Golden Halo. Once we get into Lent I will write weekly summaries for the bulletin and make weekly announcements as the competition progresses. I exchanged emails with Scott Gunn the editor of the Forward Movement and expressed our happiness that he has recovered from his medical emergency. Chris Abbott had a question as to who was a member of the St. Mark's school board that is not a member of St. Mark's? Have the bylaws of the school been changed? It is unclear what the school bylaws say, but as the school is struggling for students as well as board members, and the possibility of it not being sustained much longer, it isn't a priority at this time

E. Christian Formation Adults - Rob has recommended a Lenten series as suggested by Fr. Bob and advised Kim to ask him about it. If we have to buy it it will be very cheap, on the order of \$25 or less. In terms of a budget request, we would need about as much again in the fall. Rob writes his own bible studies and has several in standby to use. Brown Bag Bible Study will be looking at Matthew and Luke stories of Jesus birth during Advent and will take a break during the holidays. Then it will be discussed what will be studied after that.

F. Outreach - Christmas Pillowcases were made and delivered to the Women's Shelter. We will do the Christmas tree for the Rainbow Room again. Pet food for Meals on Wheels clients is still being collected.

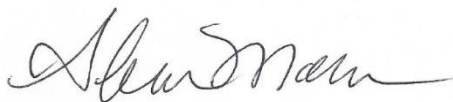
G. Property - The PUA (personal use agreement) has been approved by the County Commissioner and has come back to us for signatures. (EDOT). Michelle has a call this Friday with the engineer and lawyers and Lee Leaman to review the documents, details, parking lot changes, etc. We may see some money by the end of the year. Michelle is still talking to Logos Prep School about property sale. There were questions about the appraisal value and whether or not we had a current idea about what that was. Jeanne asked if we could put driveway reflectors at the entrance for better visibility at night

III. Closing

A. No thank you notes

B. Alysoun closed in prayer

Respectfully submitted,



Alysoun Marks