St. Mark's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

February 23, 2021

Attending: Reverend Susie Hebert, Chris Abbott, Michelle D'Antuono, Dwayne Dawlearn, Jon Eiche, Melissa Hamon, Lee Leaman, Charlie Phillips, Jeanne Reaves

Absent: Vince Arnold, Elisa Hughes

Note: This meeting was conducted via Zoom.

Opening

1. Opening prayer was led by Susie Hebert.

- 2. Reverend Susie Hebert called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.
- 3. Additions to the Agenda included a report on the billboard. Approval of the Agenda as amended was moved by Charlie Phillips and seconded by Melissa Hamon. It was approved unanimously.
- 4. Corrections to the minutes included changing "Chris"t to Chris in the Youth and Christian Formation Report, "to" to no in the Young Families Report, "holy Cross" to Holy Comforter in the Big Events Report, and adding \$800 donation to the Episcopal Relief Fund in the Finance Report. The January 19, 2021 minutes with the above amendments were approved on a motion by Charlie Phillips and seconded by Melissa Hamon.

Calendar

Additions to the Calendar:

- 1. Movie on the lawn for the youth is scheduled for March 5 or March 6.
- 2. Youth will have a service time on March 5 to prepare for planting on March 6.
- 3. Bishop Doyle will visit St. Mark's on March 14.

Priest's Report

Twelve families had broken pipes as a result of the recent freezing weather. No one has asked for assistance, but the office would like to know if anyone needs assistance. The office sent flowers to Reuben Luna on the death of his father. There is little interest—only three people—in a Saturday service. Reverend Susie Hebert thanked the ECW for providing meals for those who had surgery and Bill Abbott for seeing to the billboard. Reverend Susie Hebert read the Vision Statement to remind the Vestry of the focus of the church. Reverend Susie Hebert has information about the Reading Road project and needs a Master Plan Committee to develop plans that coincide with that project.

Audit of 2019 Church Finances

A tentative date of February 25 has been set for the annual audit and will be remotely held.

Committee Reports

- 1. The Finance Committee report was made by Lee Leaman. Finances look good, and the audit is underway.
- Michelle D'Antuono is the liaison with the school, and she has been assuming some of Jeri Carrington's duties who is still working from home. The school had to be closed for a week

- because of the inclement weather. Enrollment forms for the fall have gone out, and summer camp information will go out in March
- 3. Senior Warden Lee Leaman opened the faucets at the church and discovered a leak in the Parish Hall that turned out to be from the previous breakdown of the fire suppression system. The water was vacuumed up, the ceiling tiles removed, and fans turned on; a check the next day revealed that all was okay, so no insurance claim is needed. Senior Warden Lee Leaman is in charge of the March 26 Fish Fry. It will be drive-through only from 4:00 until 7:00. There is no outside advertising this year, only word-of-mouth. Calvary Episcopal will be notified. Melissa Hamon will help with the details.
- 4. Junior Warden Eiche reported that the fire suppression system maintenance is yet to be done. Planting flowers will be done by March 13. He asked if here will be a Spring Retreat. The Priest and the Senior Warden will discuss.
- 5. Formation and Youth Committee Chair Chris Abbott expressed her belief that the Church should help people who suffered losses because of the freeze. One suggestion was that no lilies should be purchased for Easter just as the Church did not purchase poinsettias at Christmas. Instead, people could donate what they would have spent to be spent on the victims of the freeze; suggestions and arrangements could come from the Outreach Committee. Chair Chris Abbott has recorded 22 programs for YouTube. She also said that it is time to think about scholarships for graduating seniors.
- 6. There was no Welcoming Committee Report.
- 7. There was no Outreach Report.
- 8. There was no Worship and Choir Report.
- 9. The Fellowship Report was given by Melissa Hamon, who announced that she was planning a refreshment hour between the 8;00 o'clock and the 10:00 services for Bishop Dovle.
- 10. There were no thank you notes to be written, but the Reverend Susie Hebert orally thanked Lee Leaman and Dwayne Dawlearn for securing the Church from damage during the freeze.
- 11. The Reverend Susie Hebert said a prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

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