

St. Mark's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes
February 15, 2022 6:30 pm

In Attendance: Rev. Susie Hebert, Alysoun Marks, Jon Eiche, Kathy Barzilla, Jeanne Reaves, Melissa Hamon, Christine Powell, Charlie Phillips

Absent: Michelle D'Antuono, Elisa Hughes

I. Opening

A. Rev. Susie opened the meeting with prayer.

B. Alysoun M. made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Melissa H. Agenda was approved.

C. Alysoun M. Made a motion to approve the January 2022 minutes as presented. Charlie P. seconded the motion. January minutes were approved.

D. Two actions that were passed by unanimous Vestry approval via email were presented for record. Alysoun M. made a motion to accept them as recorded. Melissa H. seconded the motion. Approval of record was passed.

E. Alysoun M. reviewed the calendar. The Vestry was informed that Bishop Ryan would meet with the Vestry at 8:30 on March 6, prior to the service.

II. Reports

A. Rev. Susie reported that she was working on transferring her responsibilities to the appropriate people in an effort to make a smooth transition. She is sharing information with leadership and meeting with parishioners when needed. She discussed upcoming Council and is looking forward to representing St. Mark's this year with the elected delegates. Rev. Susie noted that there was one parishioner in critically ill health, but that she had confidence in the leadership of St. Mark's and knew that she was leaving the pastoral care of the congregation in good hands. She also expressed confidence in the Vestry and leadership of St. Mark's going forward.

B. Alysoun M. presented the Treasurer's Report in Michelle D's absence. A motion was made by Melissa H. to approve the budget for 2022 as presented. Charlie P. seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The budget was approved.

C. Senior Warden, Alysoun M. reported on the transition and tasks that were being undertaken to keep moving forward in a seamless manner. Supply has been secured ` for

the next two months, including Ash Wednesday and Holy Week Services. Meetings with DOK, ECW, the Finance Committee, the SMES Board and SMEC staff are ongoing. Bank signatures are being changed. Communication with the Diocese is beginning regarding the transition. Melissa H. Encouraged Vestry members to wear name tags on Sunday mornings so that the congregation could identify Vestry and also to lead by example, as we have gotten out of the habit of wearing them since Covid.

D. Alysoun M. reported on the property, in the Junior Warden's absence. Elisa H. made a thorough inspection of the Church and School grounds. She and Kim made a detailed list of items that are in need of repair or maintenance. Duane Dawlearn, Kim Hart and Alysoun Marks walked the property together and went through the list in an attempt to prioritize items and make decisions about resolving them. The defibrillator in the Parish Hall quit working. It was felt that it needed a new battery. A battery was purchased and it resolved the issue. A photocell was replaced on the road sign.

E. School Board report was given by Alysoun M. In the absence of Michelle D. The Board met and passed new admission rates. They are in good financial shape and will be paying the church for shared expenses in 2022. Rev. Susie noted that in addition to Alysoun M. joining the Board during the church's transition, that Phoebe Rogers had also joined as a new Board member.

F. Rev. Susie reported that the Tuesday and Wednesday Christian Formation groups are considering joining together into one. She will be emailing them a list of books that they could consider studying in the next couple of months until an Interim Rector is at St. Mark's.

G. Christine P. read the Youth Christian Formation Report submitted by Chris Abbott. The announcement about Senior Recognition Day was approved. It will be on May 22. The calendar for the year is not complete because Lamar CISD has not determined their final calendar. End of year certificates will also be presented on May 22, as well as Thank You's for the adults who served in compliance for SGC. Chris A. has contacted Calvary youth director regarding activities that can join the two youth groups together. There is conversation about a shared activity using St. Marks' Gaga Pit. Elisa H. has agreed to help get it ready if she is given good lead time. Calvary youth will also be helping with our Fish Fry on April 1. Lent Madness will be used again this year, but the Pep Rally on Palm Sunday will most likely not be possible because of low participation by youth. Three families participate in Kids' Kingdom. All 25 YouTube lessons have been completed. Supply bags are ready. Christian Formation, 6-12 grades are poorly attended.

H. Charlie P. reported that he has Welcome Bags in the Narthex for visitors. He felt that something should be put in the bulletin about changing to one service time at 10 am on Sundays in the bulletin.

I. Jeanne R. reported that we finished with the Souper Bowl of Caring. She called Meals on Wheels and they have requested that we collect cleaning supplies for their clients. It was suggested that we do this through Lent. In April/May/June, the focus was going to be on the homeless population, perhaps collecting socks, wallets, personal items, etc. We will have no Blood Drive, but could possibly ask Allied when they have theirs and parishioners could give then if they wanted. She is checking into another book drive for kids that are at the Women's Shelter.

J. Rev. Susie reported that the bulletins for her last Sunday would be the Liturgy of Leaving. Ash Wednesday bulletins are also ready. She discussed making a plan for the Reader, Crucifer, Chalice Bearer, Ushers, etc. for the Bishop's visit. Someone should be watching for Fr. Ken while the Vestry meets with Bishop Ryan.

K. Melissa H. requested that the Vestry help with the Pancake Supper. Rob H. has discussed topics for the Lenten Series with Fr. Ken in in effort to coordinate topics. The Fish Fry on April 1 was also discussed.

III. Closing

A. Rev. Susie is managing any Thank You notes that need to be taken care of at this time.

B. Rev. Susie closed the meeting with prayer

Respectfully submitted,

February 15, 2022

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alysoun Marks".

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