

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes**  
**April 19, 2022 6:30 pm**

**In Attendance:** Jon Eiche, Christine Powell, Elisa Hughes, Kathy Barzilla, Jeanne Reaves, Alysoun Marks, Charlie Phillips, Melissa Hamon

**Absent:** Michelle D'Antuono

I. Meeting was called to order.

A. Alysoun Marks opened with a prayer.

B. Agenda was presented. Christine Powell made a motion to approve the agenda, Elisa Hughes seconded the motion. Agenda was approved.

C. Calendar was presented. Melissa Hamon said she was organizing food for St. Mark's Feast Day (Mexican Food) and Pentecost (Fried Chicken and potluck). Christine Powell said that she would look into prices of roses and carnations for Mother's Day. It was agreed that Hawaiian Shirts and shorts would be promoted attire for the men on Father's Day. July 3, we will have a lunch after church with hot dogs, potato salad and desserts. For the Blessing of the Backpacks on August 21, it was agreed that we should organize a breakfast for the school parents before church, to encourage them to attend for the backpack blessing. Alysoun will be the lead person for this when the date gets closer. Also, the Ministry Fair/Rally Day, on September 11, the first day of Christian Formation, was discussed. We will organize a lunch and tables for the Ministry Fair.

D. The minutes from the March Vestry Meeting were presented. Melissa Hamon made a motion to accept the minutes, as presented. Kathy Barzilla seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

II. Reports were presented.

A. Senior Warden: Alysoun Marks reported that church business was running smoothly and that our next focus should be on forming a Profile Committee. The information files didn't seem to be uploaded on Basecamp yet, but when they are, everyone should have a look at them and be thinking about who would be appropriate candidates for the Profile Committee.

B. Treasurer Report: The balance sheet and income and expense reports were presented. Total cash in Operation Bank Account at the end of March was \$288,600. A \$10,000. donation was made last month for an Interior Beautification Project. Painting in the church has begun, as well as re-staining the front doors. The painting will be completed after Easter. We received a \$7,903.49 check from CIAC for the fire damage to the Outback. Year-to-Date, we are \$20,000. in the black, versus \$13,000. budgeted in the red, due to additional pledges that we have received. The request from the church office to retrofit the school lighting to LED was discussed. It was requested that if anyone knows of a licensed electrician so that we can get additional quotes, please contact Kim Hart, Alysoun Marks or Elisa Hughes.

C. Junior Warden: Elisa Hughes reported that there were loose and missing shingles discovered on the roof. The roofer has been contacted and came for an assessment, but we haven't heard back from them yet, regarding the assessment. It was discussed whether SMES would be responsible for sharing the cost of repair or replacement of the roof. Alysoun Marks said that she would bring in to the School Board once we had the assessment back from the roofer.

D. School Board Report: The Board met April 12. Current cash in the bank is \$94,361. Donations totaling \$5,400.00 were made to the school in March. They are on track to end the year in the black. Jerri's computer had to be replaced in March. Hardware and software totaled \$1000.

The School received a Child Care Relief Grant from the Texas Workforce Commission for \$194,000. This grant is for the period of August 2021 through May 2023. Current enrollment remains at 15 students, which is max capacity with the current staff. The Board discussed ways to increase interest in the school, such as referral benefits to current families who refer students and expanding the Trunk-or-Treat to a Fall Festival, with games and booths with food and items for sale. The Vestry was supportive of this idea. It was also suggested that we begin to promote the school on NextDoor.

E. Christian Formation Adults: Brown Bag Bible Study continues studying Acts on Tuesdays at 12. Book Study on Wednesdays at 1 pm will be choosing a new book this week and also discuss the summer schedule. Rob Hamon will be doing Christian Formation for Adults on Sunday mornings, beginning in the Fall. Melissa thanked all of those who attended the very successful Lenten Series.

F. Christian Formation Kids: Christine reminded everyone that Senior Recognition Day, as well as recognition of teachers will be on May 22. Also, there are quiet time church activities for families with small children set up in the card room behind the sanctuary, where they can play while the parents still enjoy the service.

G. Welcome: Charlie Phillips reported that we still have a few Welcome Bags, although he has given a few out. More will need to be made soon. He is working on getting together Usher Training Guidelines so that he can train new ushers in the future.

H. Fellowship: Melissa Hamon reported that most of the Fellowship Report had been covered throughout the meeting. She did send a Thank You note to a newcomer that had filled out a pew card.

I. Outreach: Jeanne reported that Lamar had told her that there was over abundance of school supplies, but they felt as if a school uniform drive would fill a need. She will contact Common Threads about working with them in this area. Elisa mentioned that Walmart may do a matching donation that might be worth looking into. The blood drive idea isn't making much headway. Allied has a lot of new employees, and no one seems to have information on when or if they are doing a blood drive this year.

K. Worship: We are continuing to find supply priests through the summer. Fr. Ken has agreed to supply through the end of June, except for April 24 and May 29. We will have Morning Prayer led by Rob Hamon on those two Sundays.


### III. Closing

A. Melissa Hamon graciously agreed to send the Richey's a Thank You note from the Vestry for the \$10,000.00 donation to paint the inside of the church.

B. Alysoun Marks closed the meeting with a prayer

Respectfully submitted,

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Alysoun Marks