

Regular Meeting of the Vestry

May 16, 2023

Present:	Christine Abbott	Elisa Hughes
	Kathy Barzilla	Alysoun Marks
	Michelle D'Antuono	Sue Lane McCulley
	Melissa Hamon	Christine Powell

Absent: Mary Anne Helms

- I.
 - A. Alysoun opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:35 PM.
 - B. The Agenda was approved on a motion made by Melissa and seconded by Kathy.
 - C. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Michelle and seconded by Elisa.
 - D. Announcements and discussion included
 - 1. The Vestry will not meet in June.
 - 2. The November and December meetings for the Vestry will be different because of the holidays.
 - 3. The school certificates will be handed out after the offertory and before the peace on Sunday, May 21.
 - 4. A celebration of the history of the church and the twelve founders is being considered for St. Mark's Day.
- II.
 - A. Senior Warden Alysoun reported on the following:
 - 1. She has received five applications for the Search Committee. Two more are on the way to her, and one more person has expressed a strong interest in being on the committee.
 - 2. Supply priests are booked through the end of the year; but if a new rector is hired before then, the bookings can be canceled with two weeks' notice.
 - 3. The question *Can the Vestry rep of the day run the Mevo?* The answer is no.
 - 4. Many items have been received from or offered by Barbara Scheibner—a collection of tools which has been received and stored, a report on the possibility of building a labyrinth, a gasoline generator, and three table- sized nativity sets. Alysoun will ask Barbara to choose one nativity set to donate to St. Mark's, and the offer of the generator was declined. Barbara also put together a scrapbook of photos and articles of the history of St. Mark's; the scrapbook was passed around.
 - 5. Possible topics for the Ministry Leaders Forum on May 24 include the Men's Retreat, the Women's Gathering, Miracle on Morton Street, membership on the Stewardship Committee, the ECW Christmas Brunch, and the assignation of responsibility for meals in the freezer for those who need them.
 - 6. Start thinking about All Saint Sunday in November.
 - B. School liaison Michelle reported that she had met with Jeri Carrington and that Jeri had prepared a thorough "To Do" list. Michelle has purchased Brighton crosses for Jeri and Mary and a Brighton heart keychain for Autumn. A luncheon honoring these three women will be held on

June 1 at the church. The Vestry is invited; RSVP to Michelle promptly. Michelle said that Jeri needs a computer to carry on with payroll and other activities with the school through the end of the summer. Alysoun donated a laptop for this purpose.

C. Treasurer Michelle presented the treasurer's report and noted that the appraisal fee is being paid out of the capital fund as is appropriate. She announced that the meeting with Fort Bend County about a portion of St. Mark's property has been pushed back to the end of July.

D. Junior Warden Elisa Hughes reported that

1. The electrical updates have been done in the kitchen but explained that electric griddles must have dedicated electrical lines, and there are now five for that purpose.

2. Elisa also has removed the yellow tape (required as a Covid protocol) from the slides and has repaired the slides.

3. The black tank repairs are coming along and painting is about to commence.

4. The baptismal font is now in the narthex and contains holy water. Holy water receptacles have been put on opposing walls in the sanctuary.

5. The name tags will be moved to the narthex.

6. Some ceiling tiles have been replaced; work continues on that project.

7. The HVAC system in the ceiling of the server room leaks from time to time. Not much can be done except to remove as much condensation as possible on a regular basis.

E. Chris reported that there is only one child in Kid's Kingdom and that he is there only every other Sunday.

F. Alysoun reported that the Brown Bag sessions are still going. Rob Hamon will begin Adult Formation classes again in the fall.

G. Alysoun will arrange a Zoom meeting the special meeting that the Vestry must have to approve the members of the Search Committee.

H. Chris reported for Mary Anne, the Outreach Chair, saying that she is still working on her spreadsheet of previous outreach activities. Chris also passed out the Lamar CISD school supply lists. DOK is responsible for collecting school supplies.


I. Kathy announced that Jim Duke agreed to be a backup person to lead Morning Prayer.

III. A. Alysoun will send a thank you note to Barbara Scheibner.

B. Alysoun closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Lane McCulley

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sue Lane McCulley". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the typed name.