

## **St. Mark's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes**

**May 18, 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 (ex officio), Elisa Hughes

### **Opening**

1. Opening prayer was led by Susie Hebert.
2. Reverend Susie Hebert called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 Michelle D'Antuono. It was approved unanimously.
4. The Minutes of the March 5, 2021 meeting were approved. One correction was made to the March 23, 2021 meeting: Section 3 a. should read Melissa Hamon, not Michelle Hamon. Melissa Hamon moved to approve the minutes as amended as stated above; Charlie Phillips seconded, and the motion carried.

### **Calendar**

1. The Reverend Susie Hebert will host the Southwest Clericus held at St. Mark's (regional episcopal clergy).
2. Lee Leaman suggested that the Vestry not meet in June and July. All agreed. The next meeting will take place on August 17 (the regularly scheduled time).
3. The Reverend Susie Hebert will be on vacation at the time of the regularly scheduled meeting in September. September 14 was suggested as the alternative date; all agreed.
4. Add September 12 as the first day of Christian Formation.
5. Add September 11 as a Meet-N-Greet for parents of children enrolled in the school.
6. Add November 6 as the JDRF Walk. November 5 could be a lock-in.

### **Priest's Report**

The Reverend Susie Hebert reminded the Vestry that Dwayne Dawlearn, Lee Leaman, and Chris Abbott would be rotating off the Vestry.

The Reverend Susie Hebert suggested having a Super Sunday once a month when the church can combine ministries.

Wearing a mask at either Sunday service is completely optional, but those wearing masks should be treated with compassion and social distancing should be observed with them. There will still be small clusters of seats at the back of the sanctuary.

### **Audit of 2019 Church Finances**

Lee Leaman will set up the audit with Vince Arnold.

## **Fire Suppression System and Septic System**

Jon Eiche reported that the diesel motor of the fire suppression system still has not been repaired because many parts have been backordered. The power is there to install an electric motor. Lee Leaman suggested that a committee of Lee Leaman, Dwayne Dawlearn, Jon Eiche, and one other be empowered to push and get the system working 100%.

Dwayne Dawlearn unsuccessfully tried to get the septic system pump to work. He discovered that the plugs had been pulled out because of the fire in the fire suppression system and been replugged into the incorrect breaker. He was able to resolve the problem.

## **Billboard**

Installation has been problematic because of the poor drainage. Plywood planks are not sturdy enough to handle the ladders and other equipment for the installation. The company wants to rent a 55-foot boom at a cost of an extra \$500 over the bid. Lee Leaman moved that the company's request be approved. Melisa Hamon seconded, and the motion passed.

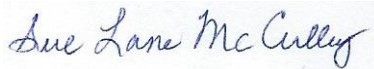
## **Committee Reports**

1. The Finance Committee report was made by Lee Leaman who reported that the finances are in good shape. He also reported that the Fish Fry netted \$2318.00 which came in under "Other Income." The Men's Food Club received \$500. Chris Abbott recently learned that one of the checks awarded to a senior had never been cashed; she will add the amount (\$200) to the "pot" for this year's seniors. She also learned a donation was made to Kids Kingdom some time ago. She asked for better reporting from the church secretary.
2. Senior Warden Lee Leaman suggested that the number of the Vestry be reduced. No discussion followed and no action was taken. He also endorsed the Reverend Susie Hebert's idea of Super Sundays to compress activities. He also suggested that requests for money occur once a year and then build the response into the budget.
3. Junior Warden Jon Eiche said that the beautification project efforts continue with the next workday scheduled for May 22 at 8:00 A.M. Currently lawn care is \$450 a month, but it seems that the church is not getting a good value. Carlos Rodriguez, the mower, invoices only when he mows, so he doesn't get paid every month. Jon Eiche will contact Mr. Rodriguez to discuss the matter.
4. School Board Liaison Michelle D'Antuono noted that a \$22,735 PPP loan had been received. Fifteen students are enrolled with eight graduating in May. Summer Camp begins next week (May 24). Fourteen are enrolled, and eleven will be enrolled for the remainder of the summer; so, Summer Camp should break even. There should be a surplus of \$30,000 at the beginning of the school year. Thirteen have enrolled for the fall; one will be starting in January; and there is a possibility of two more. There will be a graduation ceremony for the eight who are graduating; each child is allowed to bring two guests. A Meet-N-Greet is scheduled from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on Saturday, September 11 for the parents of the incoming students.
5. Formation and Youth Committee chair Chris Abbott has commitments for teachers in the fall. They will need Safeguarding God's Children certification. During Covid, Chris Abbott

created 25 You Tube lessons, and some of the children's work will be on display in the narthex next Sunday. Chris Abbott said that a chaperone is needed to assist the Youth Director on Board Game and Movie Nights.

6. Welcome Committee Charlie Phillips said that he will make an effort to usher more and will make sure Welcome Bags are available. The Reverend Susie Hebert passed out a sign-up sheet for Vestry members to be official representatives on the assigned day.
7. Jeanne Reeves, chair of the Outreach Committee, reported that Lunches of Love has moved to the old bowling alley on Radio Lane. The organization has only a skeleton crew, and it has been difficult for her to get information, but she will keep trying. Family Promise is in mid-July. The Reverend Susie Hebert is the one who lines up people to prepare meals for Family Promise. Jeanne Reeves issued an invitation to come to the Sewing Group; she has several new projects lined up.
8. Big Events and Fellowship chair Melissa says the response to Taco Sunday for May 23 has been positive. She also said a photo of all church members will be taken that day.
9. There were no thank you notes to be written.
10. The reverend Susie Hebert gave a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sue Lane McCulley". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light blue rectangular background.

Sue Lane McCulley

July 2, 2021