

St. Mark's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

September 14, 2021

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

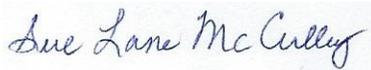
Absent: Elisa Hughes

1. The Reverend Susie Hebert opened the meeting at 6:33 with a prayer.
2. Jon Eiche moved and Charlie seconded to accept the August 17, 2021 minutes as amended.
3. The agenda was approved.
4. With regard to the Calendar, Commitment Sunday was changed to November 7.
5. The Minutes of the May 18, 2021 meeting were not voted on.
6. Priest's Report
 - a. When the septic alarm goes off, call the company before pumping.
 - b. VOIP has been set up with a router in the Cloud.
 - c. The fire suppression system is fully fixed.
 - d. The keys to the elevator have been found. So, the rector and the Parish Administrator can be trained to reset.
 - e. The HVAC repairman has been too busy to come out.
 - f. St. Mark's seventy Care Bags will go out to nurses at Sugar Land Methodist.
 - g. Roger Barkerding is having hip surgery.
 - h. The Reverend Susie Hebert thanked those responsible for beginning an outdoor program for the youth.
 - i. Melissa Hamon was thanked for the Safeguarding God's Children class.
 - j. The Reverend Susie Hebert will be out September 26 and October 3.
7. Lee Leaman has spoken with Rock Moen who said the Audit Committee is meeting on September 22 and that Melissa Hamon has been added to the committee.
8. The Stewardship Committee, composed of Melissa Hamon, Michelle D'Antuono, and Lee Leaman, suggest One Body, One Church as the theme for this year's campaign. The committee will also be expanded to five people. There will be food and Compline on the early evenings of October 13, 20, and 27.
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance Committee

Lee Leaman reported that the church is \$10,000 over budget but that the overage should be compensated for when insurance claims for the fire suppression system are paid.
 - b. Senior Warden Lee Leaman said that he had the name of a state person who can update him on road construction. Victoria Morales has asked Stephanie Lavinski of the Engineering Department about Reading Road.
 - c. Junior Warden Jon Eiche reported the following:
 - (1) There is a need for a part-time person to pull weeds in the flower beds and to trim the shrubbery when needed. He will ask Carlos (Melissa Hamon's and Michelle D'Antuono's landscaper).
 - (2) He is winding up the insurance claims.

- (3) He authorized an expenditure of \$550 to cut up and remove a fallen tree.
- (4) There may possibly be a men's gathering at the Leaman Ranch in January or February.
- d. School Board Liaison Michelle D'Antuono reported the following:
- (1) Enrollment began at 17 but has dropped to 13.
 - (2) An additional class for 18-month-olds will begin in January.
 - (3) The school is having difficulty in securing staff because it is hard to find people willing to work for \$10 an hour.
 - (4) Going into the school year, there is a surplus of \$70,000; even if there is a deficit in income from enrollment, the school will end with cash on hand.
 - (5) Jeri Carrington's husband had a pacemaker installed. He is still in rehab but is coming along.
- e. Formation and Youth Chair Chris Abbott gave her report as follows:
- (1) The first five programs for Kids Kingdom are on YouTube. The programs may become face to face at some point.
 - (2) Saints for a Cure has raised \$7,200 and will be virtual.
 - (3) Upon asking if there is a list of Safeguarding God' Children certified people, she was directed to ask the Parish Administrator.
- f. Welcome chair Charlie Phillips had nothing new to report. He is trying to figure out a time to train ushers.
- g. Outreach Chair Jeanne Reeves reported that there were a lot of books upstairs to take to the Women's shelter.
- h. Big Events and Fellowship Chair Melissa Hamon had no report.
- i. The Reverend Susie Hebert reported for Worship (and Choir) that Tom Thompson, Music Director, is trying to schedule some special music, such as having a flutist com to perform. She also said that the offering plate should be consistently passed. Also, duties for Vestry Person of the Day need to be finalized.
- j. Melissa Hamon said that only finger food will be available from 9:00 to 10:00 on Sunday mornings.
10. There were no thank you notes to be written
11. The Reverend Susie Hebert adjourned the meeting at 7:26 with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Lane McCulley

November 15, 2021