

VESTRY APPROVED 2/27/2024



Minutes of the Vestry
September 26, 2023

The Vestry convened via Zoom conferencing platform for the September 26, 2023 meeting at 7:03 pm. The following were in attendance:

Clergy - Christopher Phillips, Associate Rector

Wardens - Jim Brooks, Senior Warden

Vestry - Class of '24: Chris Berendes, Katherine Buchanan, Jeb Ory
Class of '25: Harrison "Hank" Donnelly, Jan Lipscomb, Nick Rogers
Class of '26: Travis Beaty, Meg Platt, Todd Thorpe

Officers - Randy Marks, Treasurer; Shay Waye, Clerk

Guest(s): Raiford Gaffney

Opening Prayer - Prayer led by the Rector (Michele Morgan)

Approval of the Minutes - Minutes of the August meeting were discussed for review and action and will be reviewed for approval in October

Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's report was distributed to the Vestry prior to the meeting. There were two resolutions from the Finance committee: to accept Finance Committee report, and second to hire Helen Nelson as auditor for an additional year.

The Vestry authorizes the Treasurer to engage Helen Nelson to audit St. Marks financial records.

Motion was made (Kathryn Buchanan) and seconded (Nick Rogers) to accept the 2022 audit. Motion Carries.

Motion was made (Kathryn Buchanan) and seconded (Chris Berendes) to authorize Helen Nelson as St. Marks' auditor. Motion Carries.

Senior Warden Report - The Senior Warden report was distributed to the Vestry prior to the meeting. Jim discussed plans to revamp the St. Mark's Annual report, indicating it would be more narrative and "story telling" of St. Marks. Jim will have a draft available to the Vestry by November 1.

Junior Warden's Report - The Junior Warden's report was distributed to the Vestry prior to the meeting. Jim was not at tonight's meeting and if there are any questions Vestry was encouraged to get in touch with Dave at the next meeting.

Rector's Report - The Rector's report was in the share drive, previously distributed. Highlights included:

- Michele, Meg, and Kathryn are currently developing canvas plan; it will kick off in mid-October. Vestry members discussed various ideas, including developing a FAQ
- St. Marks to resume blessing of animals mass;
- Plans for a children's series on "Road to Discipleship" for children. Vestry members were asked to consider participating
- Deadline for vestry candidates class of 2027 is January 4. Chris Berendes, Kathryn Buchanan and Jeb Ory will serve on the Committee. Michele indicated there is currently a candidate for Junior Warden
- February 4, 2024 is the date for the annual meeting.

New Business - The following new items were addressed.

- There was discussion on length of announcements, particularly implementing a more streamlined approach. Jeb, Kathryn, and Chris B agreed to form a subcommittee to discuss
- Michele discussed the Middle East Work Group, specifically that the group would disband. While the Vestry should send a formal note of thanks for its work, Michele acknowledged there is one person who has served - not wanting for the group to disband. As a result, she will be invited to the October meeting to discuss her viewpoint before the Vestry takes further action.
- Jan discussed that Charles Allen will attend the next Incarceration group meeting, upcoming in October and encouraged attendance.

Adjournment -

Motion (Chris Berendes) to adjourn meeting. Seconded (Katherine Buchanan). Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm. Chris Phillips gave the parting prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shay Waye
Clerk