



Minutes of the Vestry
February 28, 2023

The Vestry convened via Zoom conferencing platform for the February 28, 2023 meeting at 7:02 pm. The following were in attendance:

Clergy - The Reverend Michele Morgan, Rector; Christopher Phillips, Associate Rector

Wardens - Louise Walsh, Senior Warden; David Wellman, Junior Warden

Vestry - Class of '23: Brent Bickley

Class of '24: Chris Berendes, Katherine Buchanan, Jeb Ory

Class of '25: Harrison "Hank" Donnelly, Jan Lipscomb, Nick Rogers

Officers - Randy Marks, Treasurer; Frank Nickerson, Assistant Treasurer, Special Gifts & Bequests; Shay Waye, Register

Guest(s): Raiford Gaffney

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

Approval of the Minutes - Minutes of the January 3 and January 31 minutes were presented for review and action (ACTION)

Motion (Jan Lipscomb) to accept January 3 and 31 minutes. Seconded (Kathryn Buchanan). Motions were accepted by acclimation.

Rector's Report - Michele's report focused on the upcoming March 5 Annual meeting. She indicated Vestry assignments are also posted on the drive.

There are currently four members that will run for positions on the Vestry. They are: Jim Brooks (Senior Warden), Meg Platt, Travis Beaty, and Todd Thorp, to replace the outgoing members Brent, Edna and Fritz. Michele reviewed the Annual meeting agenda, and explained that the

report on the State of the Parish (which includes the Bylaw revisions) would be given in three parts.

Senior Warden Report - The Senior Warden read portions of her report, which talked about compassion, to the Vestry. Vestry members thanked Louise for her time served on the Vestry. report was distributed to the Vestry prior to the meeting, with the following area

Junior Warden's Report - The Junior Warden's report was distributed to the Vestry prior to the meeting, and highlighted a few repairs and building updates (including key FOBS, looking at rental space, etc.)

Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's report was distributed to the Vestry prior to the meeting. January payments on 2022 pledges already exceeded the budget for the year and the Church received above average payments on 2023 pledges.

New Business - The follow new items were addressed.

- Edna Boone, who was unable to make tonight's meeting, had some thoughts about improved communication that Jan Lipscomb shared on her behalf.
- Amending Budget to add 2nd Paid Tenor. Randy explained the issue regarding this amendment. (ACTION)

Motion (Dave Wellman) to increases Budget item 50545 (Tenor section) from \$11,000 to \$20,000. Seconded (Louise Walsh)

There was discussion on the motion, then a call for vote. Motion passed.

- In person meetings. It was determined that discussion and action on in-person Vestry meetings wait until the new Vestry arrives.
- Tending Our Soil. Michele explained we (St. Marks) needs to formally be removed from this activity. (ACTION)

Motion (Nick Rogers) to formally withdraw St. Marks from the Tending Our Soil effort. Seconded (Katherine Buchanan). Motion unanimously carries.

Adjournment - (ACTION)

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm. Chris Phillips offered parting prayer. Michele offered to stay on-line to anyone wishing to discuss the issue of hurt feelings

Respectfully Submitted,

Shay Waye
Register