

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2023

Present: Fr. RJ, Leslie Redmon, Sr. Warden; John Willoughby, Jr. Warden; Kent Clark, Carol Hayn, Joe Hoot, Gene Little, Sara Strattan

Not Present: Mandy Pelger

Guest: Charlie Kiesling, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 5:59pm with devotion and prayer provided by Sara.

Leslie **motioned** to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2023, meeting. Joe seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Wardens' Reports

- **Senior Warden**

- Leslie contacted Bellwether Farm for information about retreats and is considering having a retreat for the parish or the Vestry at some time in the future.
- A Scout from Troop #1 is interested in making improvements to the Betty Fortney Chapel as an Eagle Project. We need to specify what we would like done.
- We had a great turnout for the Shrove Tuesday Night Supper, as well as the Intergenerational Service.
- The Stewardship Committee has asked for nametags to be made for the children so we can call them by name when we see them.

- **Junior Warden**

- John reminded Vestry members to complete the online Safe Churches training offered by the Diocese.
- The former Rector's Study is being converted to be used as the Weaver School Superintendent's office during the week and a conference room for St. Mark's on the weekends.
- The Library will be converted over the summer to a 5th Grade classroom.
- John noted that our lease agreement allows us to use Weaver classrooms for our Sunday School. We cannot store items in the rooms and must leave them the way we found them.

Rector's Report

- **Intergenerational Service**

- The Intergenerational Service was well attended and well received. The next Intergenerational Service will be held on May 21st.
- In the Fall we will have a Blessing of the Backpacks.

- **Consecration of New Bishop**

- The Diocese is asking for a Processional Cross from each parish in the diocese.

- **Doctor of Ministry Program**

- Fr. RJ will soon be sending out surveys to parents, teachers, and the parish to assess what is needed to build the children's ministry. After the survey is completed, he will conduct asset mapping exercises.
- The Stewardship Committee would like to put brief children's profile articles in the printed bulletin to help the parish get to know the children better.

Old Business

- **Committees and Contacts**

- Committee contacts are as follows:
 - Administration: Joe Hoot and Fr. RJ
 - Worship: Kent Clark and Sara Strattan
 - Fellowship: Gene Little and Leslie Redmon
 - Outreach/Mission: Carol Hayn and Rick Werren
 - Parish Care/Christian Education: Mandy Pelger and John Willoughby
- Committee chairs will be initially asked:
 - What is going well?
 - What are your current activities?
 - What plans do you have for the future?
 - What do you need?
 - Will you write about your ministry for the Lion's Pause?
- Articles will be put in the Lion's Pause about the committees to help the parish become more familiar with the various ministries and want to get involved.
- Committee reports will be used by the Vestry to facilitate allocating resources to meet the needs of the committees.

- **Members to Consecration**

- Tickets are not needed for Consecration. We will put up signup sheets for carpooling.

New Business

- **Check Signers**

- The list of signers for our various bank accounts must be affirmed every year and noted in the minutes. The banks need to see this resolution.
- The signers lists are being updated as follows:
 - Key Business Checking
 - Remove: John Wise and Bruce Hixon
 - Keep: Katelyn Kuceyeski, Charles Kiesling, Sara Strattan, Gary Mull
 - Add: Leslie Redmon and Geoff Gordon
 - Key Discretionary Checking
 - Remove: John Wise and Bruce Hixon
 - Keep: Katelyn Kuceyeski and Ronald Johnson
 - Key Altar Guild Checking
 - Remove: Eloise Hochwalt
 - Keep: Katelyn Kuceyeski and Charles Kiesling
 - Add: Kathy Sloan
 - Key Silver Savings
 - Keep: Katelyn Kuceyeski and Charles Kiesling
 - No changes
 - Stark Federal Credit Union ECW - St. Mark's
 - Keep: Susan Little
 - Add: Katelyn Kuceyeski
- Joe **motioned** to approve the requested changes in the check signers as noted above effective April 2023. Sara seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

New Business (continued)

- **Messaging for Social Media**
 - Vestry members are asked to send Katie brief messages about what we would like people to know about St. Mark's. She can send the messages out on social media.
 - Katie will turn the messages into posts and can boost the posts to target markets within a 5-mile radius. The objective is to get people who are looking for a church to become interested and come to St. Mark's.
- **April Vestry Meeting Date**
 - Joe **motioned** to change the April meeting date from April 5 to April 12 at 6:00pm. Leslie seconded the motion and the motion was passed with a majority vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm with a **motion** by Carol, seconded by Leslie, and approved unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 6:00pm. Fr. RJ will provide the Reflection and Prayer for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Violand
Clerk