

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2022

Present: Fr. RJ, Bruce Hixon, Sr. Warden; John Willoughby, Jr. Warden; Beth Crowl, Carol Hayn, Marcia Kiesling, Gene Little, Mandy Pelger, Leslie Redmon, Sara Strattan

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Fr. RJ, who opened the meeting with a devotional reading noting that the day was the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple.

Carol **motioned** to accept the minutes of the January 5, 2022, meeting. Gene seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Sara **motioned** to accept the minutes of the January 23, 2022, special meeting. Mandy seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Parochial Report

- The Vestry reviewed the Parochial Report and expressed appreciation for the excellent job that Charlie did with the financial portion of the Report.
- Sara **motioned** to approve the Parochial Report. Marcia seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Wardens' Reports

- **Senior Warden**
 - No report.
- **Junior Warden**
 - John has asked Katie to set up an email address for the Wardens, so parishioners will have an easy way to contact either Warden with their concerns.
 - The email address will be published in the Lion's Pause and the service bulletins.

Rector's Report

- **Bishop Search Committee Listening Session**
 - We are hosting a Listening Session for area parishes on February 7, 2022.
- **Winter Convocation**
 - "Winter Convocation – The 20 Day Evangelism Challenge" will be held via two 1 hour and 15-minute Zoom meetings on February 7 and 27, 2022.
 - Fr. RJ is encouraging anyone who can join the meetings to do so.
- **Outreach Committee**
 - The Outreach Committee has been formed, with members Gary Mull and Sue Little.
 - One more member was needed, and Mandy offered to join the Committee.
 - The Committee will focus on what we can offer people in the area within a couple mile radius of St. Mark's.

Updating Covid Guidelines

- After much discussion, the Vestry decided to gradually modify several of our covid restrictions, and begin with a few changes.
 - Beginning Sunday, February 6, 2022, masks will be optional for our services.
 - We will begin offering coffee after services as we return to our traditional coffee hour. Cookies and snacks will be added at a later time.
 - We will resume fellowship events. The first event will be the Shrove Tuesday Dinner.
- The timing of returning to other pre-pandemic practices such as kneeling at the altar rail and offering wine at communion will be decided at a later date.

Lenten Dinners / Fellowship Events

- Fr. RJ will develop a Lenten Study program which will be held in conjunction with Lenten potluck dinners.

Holy Week

- Easter services will be held at 8:00am and 10:00am.
- Ash Wednesday services will be held at noon and 7:00pm.
- Good Friday service will be held at noon.
- Stations of the Cross will be held Friday evening.
- Fr. RJ will talk to Bob about having the choir at the Palm Sunday and Easter services, as well as bringing back the choir for 10:00am services.

Old Business

- Fr. RJ has not yet heard from Percy Grant about scheduling a Celebration of New Ministry, so we are still unable to schedule this event.

Gene shared a closing Reflection.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm with a **motion** by Leslie, seconded by John, and approved unanimously.

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 5:30pm. Bruce will provide the Reflection and Prayer for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Violand
Clerk