

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2024

**Present:** Fr. RJ, Leslie Redmon, Sr. Warden; Sara Strattan, Jr. Warden; Beth Bletzacker, Kent Clark, Ken Jaeb, Rick Werren (via Zoom), John Willoughby, Kathy Wise

**Not Present:** Joe Hoot

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with devotion and prayer provided by Fr. RJ.

John **motioned** to accept the minutes of the January 3, 2024, meeting. Leslie seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Sara **motioned** to accept the minutes of the special meeting on January 28, 2024. John seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

### Wardens' Reports

- **Senior Warden**
  - Leslie welcomed new Vestry members Beth Bletzacker, Ken Jaeb, and Kathy Wise.
  - The 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for May 18, 2025, and the committee is busy preparing for the event. The Bishop will be invited to attend.
- **Junior Warden**
  - No report.

### Rector's Report

- Fr. RJ's Doctor of Ministry project will be hands-on outreach in the community to involve the Sunday School children.
- A regional confirmation service will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at St. Paul's Medina. We currently have 2 parishioners who will be received by the Bishop.
- The topic of the Lent Program is God and Creation. We had 18 people attend the first Wednesday Lent Potluck Dinner and Program.
- Fr. RJ needs to put together a sermon creativity team for his preaching class. He will need 4 or 5 people on the team.

### Parochial Report

- The 2023 Parochial Report was reviewed by the Vestry.
- Leslie **motioned** to approve the Parochial Report. John seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### Vestry Handbook

- The newly updated Vestry Handbooks were distributed to all Vestry members.
- The Handbook Revision Committee members were thanked for their efforts in updating the handbook: Fr. RJ, Leslie Redmon, John Willoughby, Charlie Kiesling, and Karen Violand.
- Fr. RJ, Leslie, and John gave brief summaries of the different sections of the handbooks.
- New Vestry members signed up for the vacant Vestry Liaison positions.

## Calendar for 2024

- The calendar of events for 2024 was distributed and reviewed.
- Events will be added as needed by the Social Committee and any other committees.

## Old Business

- None

## New Business

- **Stewardship Committee**
  - A chairperson and members are needed for the Stewardship Committee.
  - The committee functions as an event planning committee for the stewardship dinners in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm with a **motion** by Beth, seconded by Leslie, and approved unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at **5:30pm**. The earlier time is to enable Vestry members to attend the Lent Potluck Dinner and Program which starts at 6:30pm.

Ken will provide the Reflection and Prayer for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Violand  
Clerk