

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Meeting Minutes  
October 6, 2021

**Present:** Fr. RJ, John Wise, Sr. Warden; Linda Deuble, Carol Hayn, Marcia Kiesling, Mandy Pelger, Caroline Willoughby

**Not Present:** Beth Crowl, Bruce Hixon, Jr. Warden; Gene Little

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Fr. RJ. Fr. RJ opened the meeting with a reading from Psalm 119.

John **motioned** to accept the minutes of the September 1, 2021, meeting. Caroline seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

### **Wardens' Reports**

- **Senior Warden**
  - John mentioned that a few parishioners have commented that it seemed like attendance was higher when we had one 9:00am service. Fr. RJ responded that attendance has been up with the two services and that the change in seasons and availability of live streaming the service can affect in-person attendance.
- **Junior Warden**
  - No report

### **Rector's Report**

- **Air Conditioner Replacement**
  - The donations we received for the new air conditioner were enough to cover the entire cost, so we do not need to take any money from Capital Funds.
- **Sunday Bible Study**
  - The Bible Study at 9:00am on Sundays has had steady attendance and is studying the Book of Ephesians.
- **Fr. Sloan Memorial Service**
  - A Memorial Service for Fr. Carey Sloan will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, October 9, 2021. Fr. Paul Gaston will give the homily.
- **Outreach**
  - Instead of shopping for items for Thanksgiving Baskets and Community Christmas, we will give monetary donations directly to the institutions providing these services. Because of covid it is harder for us to recruit volunteer shoppers.
  - Mandy teaches at Gibbs Elementary and is looking for donations and volunteers to serve a catered Thanksgiving dinner for the students. The school has a goal of \$500 to cover the costs of the meal.
  - Fr. RJ noted that we have \$3,000 budgeted for Outreach and Evangelism. We can use funds from this account if we need to supplement donations.
- **Altar Guild**
  - Altar Guild is looking for new members, and anyone interested should contact Sara Strattan.

## Office Space Update

- **Construction**
  - Construction of the new offices is scheduled to begin in mid-October.

## Review of Service Times

- **Resuming 8:00am and 10:00am Services**
  - Attendance is up 17% since we started having two services.
  - Sunday School has started and is well attended.
  - Fr. RJ has been thanked by several parishioners for resuming the 8:00am service.
  - John said he has not heard any complaints from parishioners.
  - Fr. RJ is happy to conduct two services.
  - We will continue with two services for the next couple months and then reevaluate attendance to see if we want to make any changes.
- **Christmas Services**
  - Christmas Eve services will be at 5:00pm and 10:00pm.
  - We will not have a Christmas Day service.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm with a **motion** by Caroline, seconded by Marcia, and approved unanimously.

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 5:30pm. Beth will provide the Reflection and Prayer for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Violand  
Clerk