

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2022

Present: Fr. RJ, Bruce Hixon, Sr. Warden; John Willoughby, Jr. Warden; Carol Hayn, Marcia Kiesling, Mandy Pelger, Leslie Redmon

Not Present: Beth Crawl, Gene Little, Sara Strattan

Guest: Charlie Kiesling, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm by Fr. RJ. Bruce provided the opening devotion.

Marcia **motioned** to accept the minutes of the September 7, 2022, meeting. Carol seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Quarterly Financial Update

- Charlie presented the 3rd Quarter Finance Recap.
- Charlie explained that the Diocesan Joint Investment Fund (JIF), is a fund similar to a mutual fund that is managed by the Diocese. Individual parishes can invest in the fund.

Wardens' Reports

- **Senior Warden**
 - Geoff Gordon has an idea for an advertising campaign for the parish. He will talk to Fr. RJ and Katie about it and bring it to the Vestry for approval.
 - Rick Crawl has agreed to serve as Head Usher.
- **Junior Warden**
 - John is looking for more feedback on the candidates for Bishop.

Rector's Report

- **Memorial Service**
 - There will be a Memorial Service for Nancy Brehany on a date yet to be determined.
- **Gibbs School First Friday Project**
 - Mandy said 5 parishioners volunteered for the Gibbs First Friday Project.
- **Stewardship**
 - There was a positive response to the Stewardship Dinners, which were attended by 40 parishioners.
 - Fr. RJ recorded the presentations so those who could not attend can hear it.
 - Many people have increased their pledges for next year.

Outreach Committee – Florida Relief

- The Outreach Committee has recommended that we send \$1,000 to the Diocese of Southwest Florida for relief from the effects of devastation from Hurricane Ian. Funds are typically used to replace food and children's clothing lost in the damage.
- Carol **motioned** to send \$1,000 to the Diocese of Southwest Florida from the Fair Account and the Mission and Outreach Account. Mandy seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Intergenerational Activity

- An Intergenerational Activity will be held on Sunday, December 4 either during or after the 10:00 service.

Stewardship Committee

- No report.

Other Business

- Carol expressed appreciation for how good the lobby area looks.
- John recognized Leslie's efforts to clean up the Betty Fortney Outdoor Chapel. Ideas are coming forward to make the Chapel easier to walk in and make the back row more sturdy.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11pm with a **motion** by Leslie, seconded by Marcia, and approved unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Violand
Clerk