

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2022

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

Not Present: Gene Little

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Fr. RJ. Sara provided the opening devotion.

Beth **motioned** to accept the minutes of the March 2, 2022, meeting. Leslie seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Wardens' Reports

- **Senior Warden**
 - The Celebration of New Ministry will be held on April 19, 2022, at 7:00pm. Bishop Hollingsworth will be the Celebrant, the sermon will be given by Fr. Paul Gaston, and Deacon Mimi Moore will assist.
 - Weaver's Cleaning Day is scheduled for April 22.
- **Junior Warden**
 - Weaver noted some maintenance issues with the building and John gave recognition to Joe for taking care of them quickly during the time the school was on spring break.
 - John requested feedback on the Financial Dashboard from Vestry members and the Stewardship and Outreach Committees.

Rector's Report

- **Hospital and Home Visitations**
 - Visitations have started again, and Fr. RJ asked for the Vestry's help in letting him know who is in the hospital or needs a home visitation.
- **Lent Program and Dinners**
 - Fr. RJ and Carol were pleased with the turnout at the Lenten Program and dinners.
- **Vacation**
 - Fr. RJ will be on vacation from April 22 to April 27. Bruce will lead Morning Prayer on Sunday, April 24.
- **Weaver**
 - We will meet with Weaver and get an agreement and schedule regarding usage of the shared spaces, such as the Family Room and the downstairs common area.
- **Lazarus Committee**
 - The Lazarus Committee needs more members and the Vestry was asked to let Fr. RJ know of anyone who would be interested.
- **Spring Clergy Conference / May Vestry Meeting**
 - The Spring Clergy Conference will be held at Geneva on the Lake on May 3-5, 2022, and Fr. RJ's attendance is mandatory.
 - The May Vestry meeting is tentatively cancelled unless the Vestry wants the Senior Warden to run the meeting in Fr. RJ's absence, or move the meeting to the following week.
 - Sara **motioned** to delegate to the Wardens and the Rector the decision of if and when the May meeting is needed. Marcia seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Review of Goals

1. Establish an Outreach Committee and decide on one outreach ministry that the whole church can participate in.
 - The committee has been established and is meeting.
2. Add at least 6 new families to the parish by the end of 2022.
3. Build a relationship with Weaver that is closer than landlord/tenant.
 - Susie will give us the opportunity to interact with the school, such as parishioners coming and reading to the students during the week.
4. Five-year goal to attain an average *in-person* Sunday attendance of at least 100 people.
 - Current in-person Sunday attendance averages 50–60 parishioners.
 - We will ask the streaming team to record the number of online viewers.
5. Five year goal to balance our budget and not use any principal from our endowment funds.
 - The Finance Committee has a 10 year horizon, but we don't want it to last any more than 7 years. Increasing attendance to 100 per week will help.

Thank You Notes

- There was a small typo in the thank you notes that were sent out. We will use a final proofreader for these types of communications.

Communion in Both Kinds

- We are now permitted to offer wine, in addition wafers, to the parish. We will resume doing so at the communion rail.
- We will also remove the “don't sit here” signs from the pews for Easter Sunday.
- We will resume bringing the offering plate to the altar with the Doxology, as well as bringing the gifts from the back of the church.
- Bob will be bringing back the choir.

Stark Raiders

- St. Mark's has become an official sponsor of the Stark Raiders, a youth 13-and-under baseball travel team.
- Most of the players are from the Plain Local school district. Our logo will be on their website and stadium. The team plays from late April through July. Parishioners will be encouraged to attend games to cheer and get to know the families of the players.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm with a **motion** by Carol, seconded by Marcia, and approved unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 5:30pm, unless, as noted above, the Wardens and Fr. RJ decide to hold a meeting in May. Mandy will provide the Reflection and Prayer for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Violand
Clerk