

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2025

Present: Fr. RJ, Kent Clark, Sr. Warden; Kathy Wise, Jr. Warden; Beth Bletzacker, Joe Hoot, Ken Jaeb, Marcia Tirpak, Patrick Watters, Rick Werren, Patrick Wilson

Not Present:

Guest: Charlie Kiesling, Treasurer (via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Kent. Kathy provided the devotion.

Joe **motioned** to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2025, meeting. Beth seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Joe **motioned** to accept the minutes of the January 26, 2025, Special Meeting. Patrick Watters seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Rector's Report

- **Hope Outreach Craft Project**
 - Fr. RJ will be meeting with Pastor Marilyn on Saturday to discuss and observe Hope's Saturday crafts program. He will see if participating in this will work with our Sunday School students and the whole parish.
- **Bishop's Visit on March 9.**
 - We will have one service at 10:00 on Sunday March 9 when the Bishop will be here.
 - The service will be followed by a light reception for the Bishop.
 - The Bishop will meet with the Vesty after spending time at the reception.
 - We will have 7 parishioners confirmed or received, and one baptism.
- **Kitchen Closet**
 - The kitchen crew is finding dirty dishes and random items in the closet used by the kitchen crew. We should pay attention to who is using the closet.
- **Office Training**
 - Tasha's training is going very well. Fr. RJ asked to be informed of any particular training needs.

Wardens' Reports

- **Senior Warden**
 - No report.
- **Junior Warden**
 - There will be an Intergenerational Service on February 23rd followed by a chili cookoff.

Finance (Electric Supplier)

- Our current electricity rates have risen significantly. Charlie is researching alternative suppliers who offer cheaper rates.

Liaison Reports

- Sunday School is now meeting in two different age groups, with one group for pre-teens.

Buildings and Grounds

- Joe brought a sample of the new chairs for the undercroft. We are expecting a March 23rd delivery of 100 chairs and 2 dollies. Our old folding chairs and carts will be donated to Hope Outreach.
- The green upholstered chairs do not need to be replaced and will be cleaned.
- On behalf of the Building and Grounds Committee, Joe **motioned** to replace the siding on the south, east, and north sections of the building. The Vestry is asking the Finance Committee to come up with a funding source of up to \$30,000. Pat Watters seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.
 - Details: On the east side are 3 crosses that will be wrapped or painted. We will get new siding in the same brown color. Building and Grounds is seeking \$30,000, with a goal to spend as little as possible. All 3 sides have never been replaced in 75 years of St. Mark's and the issue is that we have rotting and holes in the siding from birds.
- The concrete raising in the office areas and leveling in the pavilion will be done in June after the school year is over.
- The microphones will be checked for needed adjustments, as some parishioners say it is hard to hear the choir.

Old Business

- **Liaisons**
 - Kent explained the roles of the Vestry Liaisons to the new Vestry members.
 - Marcia will replace Leslie as a Fellowship Liaison.
 - Patrick Watters will replace John as a Parish Care Liaison.
 - Patrick Wilson will replace Sara as a Worship Liaison.

New Business

- **Parochial Report**
 - Fr. RJ presented the Parochial Report for the Vestry's review and explained how some of the parish statistics were developed.
 - Fr. RJ **motioned** to approve the Parochial Report. Rick seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm with a **motion** by Joe, seconded by Beth, and approved unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 6:00pm.

Joe will provide the Reflection and Prayer for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Violand
Clerk