

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2024

Present: Leslie Redmon, Sr. Warden; Sara Strattan, Jr. Warden; Beth Bletzacker, Joe Hoot, Ken Jaeb, Rick Werren, Kathy Wise, John Willoughby (via Zoom)

Not Present: Fr. RJ, Kent Clark

Guest: Charlie Kiesling, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Senior Warden Leslie Redmon in Fr. RJ's absence. Sara provided the devotion.

John **motioned** to accept the minutes of the September 4, 2024, meeting. Beth seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Wardens' Reports

- **Senior Warden**
 - Leslie distributed updated calendars.
 - A birthday reception with cake for Bob Morrison's 99th birthday and Fr. RJ's birthday will be held after the 10:00 service on October 13th.
 - Stewardship dinners will be held on Wed. October 16th and Thurs. October 24th.
- **Junior Warden**
 - Sara commended Leslie and MaryAnn Kiesling for the great job on the Progressive Dinner.

Rector's Report

- Fr RJ met with the Sunday School families to discuss outreach with Hope Outreach Ministries and potentially other groups, with the goal being to develop compassion. Part of this experiment is to see if inviting people to participate in outreach is a more effective method of evangelism than inviting people to come to church.

Liaison Reports

- In preparation for Jesse Childers' funeral service, Altar Guild was unable to find either the purple pall or the white pall for the casket. A parishioner offered to donate a pall. The cost of a pall is \$861 plus shipping and tax, which is more than the parishioner thought it would cost. Charlie said this was the perfect use of funds in the Memorial Fund account.
- Sara **motioned** to authorize up to \$1,000 for a new pall for a casket from the Memorial Fund. Joe seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.
- Sara spoke with ministry leaders, and they are not in favor of a ministry fair at this time.

Buildings and Grounds

- An air conditioner repair was made for \$3,517.
- The exterior panels above the windows in the undercroft have a lot of holes.
- The crack in the floor from the office to Fr. RJ's office needs attention.
- The new cleaning crew is doing a good job.

Old Business

- **Finance Transition Update**
 - The transition has been completed.
- **Stewardship Update**
 - At the Stewardship Dinners, there will be three speakers presenting the history of St. Mark's, current activities of the church, and the future of the church.
 - Pledge letters will be given out at the dinners. Letters will be mailed to those not attending the dinners.
- **Delegates to Convention**
 - Sara **motioned** to elect Leslie Redmon, Grace Giammarco, and Gary Giammarco as Lay Delegates to represent St. Mark's at the 2024 Annual Convention of the Diocese of Ohio. Beth seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

- **Presiding Bishop Watch Party**
 - Sara will ask Fr. RJ to invite parishioners from St. Paul's and St. Timothy's to join us on Saturday, November 2 to watch a live stream of the investiture of Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe as the new Presiding Bishop.
- **Halloween Candy for Gibbs**
 - Normally requests concerning outreach projects would be handled by the Outreach Committee, but due to the short time frame, the Vestry authorized Mandy Pelger to put a notice in the Lion's Pause to collect candy donations from parishioners for Gibbs Elementary's Trick or Treat party on November 1st. Parishioners can also sign up to help pass out candy at the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm with a **motion** by Joe, seconded by Rick, and approved unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 6:00pm. Leslie volunteered to take notes at the meeting in Karen's absence.

John will provide the Reflection and Prayer for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Violand
Clerk