

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2024

Present: Fr. RJ, Leslie Redmon, Sr. Warden; Sara Strattan, Jr. Warden; Beth Bletzacker, Kent Clark, Ken Jaeb, Rick Werren, John Willoughby, Kathy Wise

Not Present: Joe Hoot

Guest: Charlie Kiesling, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm with devotion and prayer provided by Fr. RJ.

Sara **motioned** to accept the minutes of the April 3, 2024, meeting. Kent seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Wardens' Reports

- **Senior Warden**
 - The Office Transition Team met and developed a Contract for Katie for the transition period and ongoing services. The Contract was **approved** unanimously by email vote by the Vestry and signed on April 12.
 - Katie has been very helpful during this process and is continuing to do the Lion's Pause.
 - Fr. RJ is covering the office hours and is responding to voicemails and emails.
 - Kent offered to work in the office one day a week through mid-August.
- **Junior Warden**
 - No report.

Rector's Report

- A new family with 3 children has joined the parish.
- Fr. RJ will be away:
 - May 21-23 to attend the Spring Clergy Conference
 - June 11-18 for a family visit. Anne Coen and John Werren will conduct Morning Prayer.
 - July 22-29 on vacation. Retired Episcopal Priest Robert Deshaies will conduct the service. He will be coming from Florida and will need transportation to/from the airport and church, as well as lodging in a parishioner's home.

Liaison Reports

- **Social Committee/Fellowship – Calendar of Events**
 - After the Intergenerational Service on May 19 the Sunday School students will hang birdhouses that they painted in the outdoor chapel. Leslie donated the birdhouses.
 - A farewell reception for Katie will be held on May 26 after the 10:00 service.
 - Three outdoor services are planned for the outdoor chapel:
 - June 9 followed by a picnic and strawberry social.
 - July 14 Sermon on the Mount followed by our traditional cookout.
 - August 18 Intergenerational Service with the Blessing of the Backpacks.
 - St. Mark's ECW is hosting an ECW luncheon on June 25 for the other parishes in our Mission Area. Mother Robin from St. Paul's will be invited to speak. Food will be prepared by Carol.
 - A progressive dinner is being planned for September.
 - Cluster Dinners are resuming.

Buildings and Grounds

- No report

Old Business

- **Stewardship Committee**
 - The Lunch Bunch has volunteered to administer the Stewardship Committee activities. There will be 2 dinners provided by Carol, and there will be a theme.
 - The Vestry will send thank-you notes for pledges.
- **Calendar Update**
 - Calendar items are in the Social Committee report.

New Business

- **Finance Transition Update**
 - Charlie is investigating options to have bookkeeping provided by an outside accounting firm instead of a St. Mark's employee.
- **Signers for KeyBank Accounts**
 - Charlie presented the Resolution for Signers at KeyBank as outlined below.
 - Sara **motioned** to approve the changes as presented. Kent seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.
- **Key Business Checking 3861**
 - Remove Katelyn Kuceyeski
 - Keep Charles Kiesling, Sara Strattan, Gary Mull, Leslie Redmon, and Geoff Gordon
- **Key Discretionary Checking 3879**
 - Remove Katelyn Kuceyeski
 - Keep Ronald Johnson
 - Add Charles Kiesling
- **Key Silver Savings 2157**
 - Remove Katelyn Kuceyeski
 - Keep Charles Kiesling
 - Add Geoff Gordon
- **Key Altar Guild Checking 3887**
 - Remove Katelyn Kuceyeski
 - Keep Kathy Sloan and Charles Kiesling
- **Key CD \$10,000 – 0044**
 - Keep Charles Kiesling
 - Add Geoff Gordon
- **Key CD \$25,000 – 9616**
 - Remove Katelyn Kuceyeski
 - Keep Charles Kiesling
 - Add Geoff Gordon
- **Open a new MasterCard – Ronald Johnson**
- **Outreach Update**
 - St. Paul's serves a hot lunch on the 4th Saturday of each month. Food is prepared offsite and delivered to the church. They have asked if we would help cook.
 - We will investigate the possibility of doing this, as we have food safety concerns.
- **Cleaning Service**
 - No update at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm with a **motion** by Beth, seconded by Kathy, and approved unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 6:00pm.

Joe will provide the Reflection and Prayer for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Violand
Clerk