

**St. Michael's Episcopal Church**

**Barrington, Illinois**

**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of Monday, March 15, 2021**

**7:00 p.m. – Virtual Meeting**

**Present (Via Zoom):** The Rev. Jesse Perkins (Rector), Ann Kimes (Senior Warden – 2022), John Garcia (Junior Warden – 2022), Gwynne Johnston (2022), Cam Sells (2022), Lindsay Taylor (2022), Charley Wickman (2022), Kathi Frelk (2023), Ric Lindeen (2023), David Rauschenberg (2023), Gwen Weibel (2023), Carol Berman (2024), Melissa Buckley (2024), Greg Mears (2024), Doug Torbeck (2024), John Davis (Treasurer), Craig Anderson (Clerk)

**Absent:** None

**1. Call to Order**

There being a quorum present, Ann Kimes called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**2. Opening Prayer**

Fr. Perkins offered the opening prayer.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Carol Berman moved and Ric Lindeen seconded that the agenda be approved as presented. There being no objection, motion carried.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

February 15, 2021 – Virtual Meeting

Gwen Weibel moved and David Rauschenberg seconded that the Minutes of the February 15, 2021 Meeting of the Vestry be approved as presented. There being no objection, motion carried.

**5. Approval of Parochial Parish Report**

Fr. Perkins provided a summary review of St. Michael's 2020 Parochial Report. He commented on items included in the report and changes that occurred during 2020 related to Covid-19.

Kathi Frelk moved and Linday Taylor seconded that St. Michael's 2020 Parochial Report be approved. There being no objection, motion carried.

## **6. Financial Report**

### January 2021 Financial Statements and February 2021 Financial Statements

John Davis provided a summary review of the financial statements and noted items associated with variances, including second session preschool enrollment, more snowfalls than anticipated, and allocation of the second Paycheck Protection Program loan.

Ric Lindeen moved and Doug Torbeck seconded that the January 2021 Financial Statements and the February 2021 Financial Statements be approved. There being no objection, motion carried.

## **7. New Business**

### Status of Lisa's House – 128 Hillside Avenue

Fr. Perkins advised that the parish-owned home which served as the residence for Mtr. Erdeljon is now vacant. He reported that there is some interest from another church in possible temporary use of the home for incoming clergy, which would provide some additional time for discussion and decision-making regarding permanent disposition of the residence. The process for sale of the residence should the parish wish to do so was reviewed.

During discussion, it was suggested that any temporary use of the home should be for less than a year, with a specific end date. It was noted that it is better to have the home occupied than not. Also, there should be an improvement needs assessment done as part of the disposition decision-making process.

Greg Mears will follow-up with an inspection of the residence. Additionally, there was no objection to further dialogue with the church that has expressed interest in possible temporary use of the premises for incoming clergy.

### Directory and Data Base Update

Ann Kimes noted the need to update the parish directory and to develop a better mechanism to reach out to parishioners.

Cam Sells reported that some work already has been done and suggested that it would be worthwhile to have several persons work on this matter. Melissa Buckley noted the importance of starting to reconnect after Covid-19.

Ann Kimes, Cam Sells, Ric Lindeen, and Melissa Buckley offered to follow-up on this item.

## **8. Old Business**

### Vaccinations of Staff and Preschool Teachers

Ann Kimes provided an update on vaccination of staff and preschool teachers. She noted the policy in place for Barrington 220 School District and reported that most of the Little Angels Christian Preschool staff members have received their vaccination.

## **9. Committee Reports**

### Building and Grounds Committee

Cam Sells reported that the committee has a meeting scheduled for April 10, 2021, to review and discuss maintenance and improvement projects. Also, she advised that Bill Ferry is continuing to shepherd the Dave and Katy Pepper Memorial Project.

### Outreach Committee

Gwynne Johnston reported that the committee met on March 13, 2021, and noted the good response from the Friday Men's Group with respect to planning and assistance for the upcoming food drive. He also advised that concept discussions are in progress for a local-focus fundraiser concert in July.

Thanks were extended to the Friday Men's Group for its assistance.

### Little Angels Christian Preschool

Gwen Weibel provided an update on Preschool operations, including vaccination of staff, student enrollment registrations, and plans for summer camp this year.

## **10. Rector's Report**

Fr. Perkins reported that in-person, with a capacity limitation, and virtual worship service options are continuing, ideas for resumption of coffee hour are being considered, and preparations for Holy Week are in process. Fr. Perkins commented that he is very thankful for all the assistance with preaching provided by lay and clergy members of St. Michael's. Also, he advised that potential options for worship service music, Sunday school, and nursery care are being reviewed.

Fr. Perkins led the Vestry members in discussion regarding the church size model that now best fits St. Michael's in light of the impact of the pandemic.

## **11. Senior Warden's Report**

Ann Kimes commented on the importance of and need for discussion regarding our return to life activities affected by the pandemic. She noted that it is good to be having these discussions and is excited by the energy being created. She expressed her thanks for everyone's input.

## **12. Closing Prayer**

Fr. Perkins offered the closing prayer.

**13. Motion to Adjourn**

Carol Berman moved and Melissa Buckley seconded that the meeting be adjourned. There being no objection, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Craig G. Anderson

Craig G. Anderson, Clerk