

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Barrington, Illinois

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of Monday, April 19, 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

Ann Kimes requested that the agenda be amended to include under Committee Reports information from Kay Lewis regarding an upcoming Youth Group project.

Kathi Frelk moved and Ric Lindeen seconded that the agenda be amended as requested and approved. There being no objection, motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Carol Berman moved and Melissa Buckley seconded that the Minutes of the March 15, 2021 Meeting of the Vestry be approved as presented. There being no objection, motion carried.

5. Financial Report

March 2021 Recap

John Davis provided a summary review of the March 2021 Financial Statements. He noted the positive effect of increase in enrollment for the Little Angels Christian Preschool. Also, he noted that budget variances are mostly related to timing differences of when expenses are incurred versus historical data. John advised that the paperwork for the first Paycheck Protection Program loan received by St. Michael's has been submitted for review and approval by the Small Business Administration.

Lindsay Taylor moved and Ric Lindeen seconded that the March 2021 Financial Statements be approved. There being no objection, motion carried.

6. Old Business

Directory and Database Update

Ann Kimes reported that a project meeting is scheduled for early May.

Status of Lisa's House – 128 Hillside Avenue

Greg Mears reported on the results of his inspection of the parish-owned home which served as the residence for Mtr. Erdeljon. Greg noted that most of the house looks okay, but some repairs and possibly some painting are needed.

Several comments and ideas regarding repair, use, and potential disposition of the property were presented, including current real estate market conditions being favorable for sale; Vestry, parish, and diocesan approvals required for sale; costs of upkeep; and possible earmarking of the proceeds if the property is sold. It was suggested that some opinions from real estate professionals be obtained with respect to possible sale of the property.

In light of the discussion and factors to be considered, the request from the church expressing interest in possible temporary use of the premises for incoming clergy will be declined. Carol Berman will follow up with that church.

Greg Mears shared several photos from his inspection reflecting items in need of repair or replacement.

The Vestry will further review options for use or sale of the property.

7. Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds

Cam Sells provided a current focus update on Buildings and Grounds activities, including a spring clean-up event scheduled for May 8; a property maintenance schedule and priorities; projects in-progress, including replacement of air conditioning units, the Dave and Katy Pepper Memorial, and rectory kitchen improvements; and a backlog list of capital improvement projects which need to be prioritized. Cam noted that there are many items on the backlog list, such as renovation of the church organ, replacement of the outdoor sign, and parking lot pavement repair and/or replacement.

The Vestry expressed appreciation to Cam for her work.

Outreach

Gwynne Johnston reported that the Outreach Committee met on April 9 for initial review of funding requests. He noted that planning is continuing for a fundraiser concert to be held outdoors this summer.

Little Angels Christian Preschool

Gwen Weibel advised that the current school year for the Preschool concludes at the end of May. Also, Gwen noted that there are 81 students registered in the Preschool.

Youth

Kay Lewis provided details of the upcoming Youth Group work project, which will focus on repairs and improvements at the Sturtz House. This project will be a “hometown mission trip,” in lieu of a mission trip to another locale, which the pandemic precludes.

8. Rector’s Report

Fr. Perkins reported that Holy Week and Easter activities went very well; total in-person attendance at Easter services was more the 200 persons; coffee hour has returned, being held outside as weather permits; in-person Sunday school (hybrid model) and nursery have returned; Deacon Tim Murray is leading an Eastertide adult study each Sunday, in-person and via Zoom; St. Michael’s will be receiving the very first Community of Caring Award at the Bishop Anderson House virtual spring benefit; live-streaming of worship services has been revamped, featuring improved audio and video; Covid-19 guidelines remain unchanged; and planning for Pentecost Sunday activities, including a food drive, are underway.

9. Senior Warden’s Report

Ann Kimes thanked everyone for their work and being here.

10. Closing Prayer

Fr. Perkins offered the closing prayer.

11. Motion to Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Craig G. Anderson

Craig G. Anderson, Clerk