

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Barrington, Illinois

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of Monday, January 10, 2022

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), Melissa Buckley (2024), Doug Torbeck (2024), John Davis (Treasurer), Craig Anderson (Clerk)

Absent: Gwen Weibel (2023), Carol Berman (2024), Greg Mears (2024)

1. Call to Order

There being a quorum present, Ann Kimes called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer

Fr. Perkins offered the opening prayer.

3. Approval of Agenda

Ric Lindeen moved, and Kathi Frelk seconded, that the agenda be approved as presented. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

David Rauschenberg moved, and Gwynne Johnston seconded, that the minutes of the December 13, 2021, meeting of the Vestry be approved as presented. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

5. Financial Report

End-of-Year Financials

John Davis provided an overview of the 2021 end-of-year financials for St. Michael's. He reviewed pledge receipts, contributions, and other income, noting very positive results with respect to interest received. Also, the Little Angels Christian Preschool had better than expected financial results. Parish staffing changes and good budget management contributed to the very favorable fiscal results for 2021.

Gwynne Johnston moved, and Lindsay Taylor seconded, that the December 2021 Financial Statements be approved as presented. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

2022 Proposed Budget

John Davis reviewed anticipated revenue and expenditures for the proposed 2022 budget. He noted reasoning associated with projections and commented on some possible capital improvements not included in the 2022 budget. Information about the budget will be placed in The Sword.

Following discussion, David Rauschenberg moved, and Melissa Buckley seconded, that the proposed budget for St. Michael's for 2022 be approved as presented. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

6. New Business

Letter from the Assisting Bishop

Ann Kimes summarized the January 7, 2022, letter from Assisting Bishop Knudsen to the People of the Diocese of Chicago regarding a recommended voluntary “Mini-Sabbatical” program to help address the overall physical and mental health and well-being of clergy and lay employees. Based on review and discussion by the Vestry, Fr. Perkins will follow-up on an implementation plan.

7. Old Business

Annual Meeting – January 30, 2022

Ann Kimes advised that, considering the ongoing pandemic, this year’s Annual Meeting will be via Zoom. Fr. Perkins noted that information regarding the Annual Meeting has been emailed to parishioners.

Building Accessibility Updates

David Rauschenberg provided an update on the accessibility initiative for St. Michael’s facilities. He reported that making the ADA door near the choir room open and close automatically is being considered. A meeting has been scheduled with a representative of a firm having expertise with respect to this type of project. Additionally, with assistance from the Village of Barrington, at least two on-street parking spaces in front of St. Michael’s will be designated for disability parking only.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Update

Gwynne Johnston advised that the federal government has not yet released any details regarding possible reimbursement of costs associated with the installation of an EV charging station. Gwynne will keep the Vestry advised of receipt of any further information.

Rectory Kitchen/Bathrooms Update

Fr. Perkins advised that work on improvements to the bathrooms is well underway and progressing well. The cabinets for the kitchen have been ordered, with installation anticipated in May.

Stewardship Update

No update.

8. Committee Reports

Building and Grounds Committee

No report.

Outreach Committee

No report.

Little Angels Christian Preschool

Classes have resumed as of today.

Youth Group

Ric Lindeen reported that a youth gathering is planned for Martin Luther King Jr, Day, eight young persons are preparing for confirmation, and Deacon Tim Murray recently led a confirmation class session.

9. Rector's Report

Fr. Perkins reported that the Christmas services went well and preparations for the Annual Meeting are in progress, He asked for thoughts on ideas and goals for this year at St. Michael's, and for suggestions for celebration of the 75th anniversary of St. Michael's.

Charley Wickman expressed appreciation to Fr. Perkins for his work to encourage and develop a vision for the future at St. Michael's.

10. Senior Warden's Report

Ann Kimes thanked outgoing Vestry members Charley Wickman, Gwynne Johnston, Cam Sells, Lindsay Taylor, and John Garcia for their service.

John Garcia expressed gratitude from the Vestry for Ann's great work.

11. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was offered by Fr. Perkins.

12. Motion to Adjourn

Ric Lindeen moved, and Kathi Frelk seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Craig G. Anderson

Craig G. Anderson, Clerk