

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Barrington, Illinois

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of Monday, April 18, 2022

7:00 p.m. – Virtual Meeting

Present (Via Zoom): The Rev. Jesse Perkins (Rector) (audio only), John Garcia (Senior Warden-2023) (7:14 p.m.), Lindsay Taylor (Junior Warden-2023), Kathi Frelk (2023), Ric Lindeen (2023), Gwen Weibel (2023), Carol Berman (2024), Melissa Buckley (2024), Doug Torbeck (2024), Marisa Boynton (2025), Brant Deichmann (2025), John Totten (2025), John Davis (Treasurer), Craig Anderson (Clerk)

Absent: David Rauschenberg (2023), Greg Mears (2024)

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

There being a quorum present, Lindsay Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and offered the opening prayer.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

Ric Lindeen moved, and Melissa Buckley seconded, that the minutes of the March 28, 2022, meeting of the Vestry be approved as presented. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

4. Financial Report

John Davis noted that budget revenues and expenditures continue to be tracking as anticipated. However, the cost of natural gas is expected to be higher this year due to rate increases.

The Vestry expressed thanks to John Davis and Carol Hebert for their work.

Doug Torbeck moved, and Marisa Boynton seconded, that the March 2022 Financial Statements be approved as presented. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

5. New Business

None

6. Old Business

Rectory Kitchen and Bathrooms

Fr. Perkins reported that the kitchen project is going well, with a scheduled start date of May 2. He noted the very helpful assistance being provided by Mary Ann Seagrist.

7. Committee Reports

Building and Grounds Committee

Brant Deichmann reported that Kim Curtis and he met regarding building and grounds needs, activities, and projects. Brant and Rob Wisnowski have been providing some building maintenance assistance during the absence of the Sexton. Brant asked that Vestry members let Kim know of any items which need to be addressed.

Brant noted that there are some church building gutter and roof issues which have resulted in rainwater backup and damage. St. Michael's building insurance policy and roof warranty provisions will be checked for guidance regarding repair procedures.

Projects in progress include The Little Angels Christian Preschool landscape work, the Sturtz House ramp, and general spring cleaning. Cost estimates are being obtained to enable the ADA door near the choir room to open and close automatically.

Gwen Weibel and Ric Lindeen suggested that perhaps St. Michael's youth members can assist with some building and grounds maintenance tasks.

The Vestry thanked Brant for the update.

Youth Advisory Committee

Ric Lindeen reported that on Good Friday the youth group visited several persons possibly in need of some company at Easter time. The initiative was very successful, with 17 young persons participating.

Also, the survey of parents to help ascertain what is desired for kids' programs is underway.

Ric expressed thanks to Kay Lewis for her great assistance.

Parish Vision

Included in Rector's Report

8. Rector's Report

Fr. Perkins noted that the rectory kitchen project is going great, with a scheduled start date of May 2; Mary Ann Seagrist continues to be a huge help with this project.

Fr. Perkins also reported that Holy Week went very well, with good in-person attendance at the services, even when compared to 2019. He expressed gratitude to St. Michael's staff, altar guild, lectors, and LEMs for all their dedication to make this happen. Additionally, he expressed great thanks to our verger and Melissa Buckley for organizing the Easter Vigil reception.

Fr. Perkins thanked the Vestry for approval of the parochial report and provided current attendance information for 2022; noted an upcoming wedding at St. Michael's; provided a progress report on work to establish a permanent fund; advised that he is assembling a Vision team to work on the CAT survey; and noted that May 1 is Youth Sunday, May 14 is Confirmation and the fundraiser for Ukraine, and Fr. Al Johnson will be doing his book signing on May 15. The May 16 meeting of the Vestry will be in-person.

9. Senior Warden's Report

John Garcia thanked Lindsay Taylor for chairing tonight's meeting due to his delayed arrival.

John noted the great assistance being provided by Moretti's for the fundraiser event to support the Ukraine. The Vestry then discussed further planning and details for the event.

John commented on the great success of Holy Week and thanked all who worked hard to make that happen.

10. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was offered by Lindsay Taylor.

11. Motion to Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Craig G. Anderson

Craig G. Anderson, Clerk