St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Barrington, Illinois

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of Monday, May 16, 2022

7:00 p.m. – In Person and Virtual

Present In Person: The Rev. Jesse Perkins (Rector), John Garcia (Senior Warden-2023), Kathi Frelk (2023), Ric Lindeen (2023), David Rauschenberg (2023), Carol Berman (2024), Melissa Buckley (2024), Greg Mears (2024) (7:24 p.m.), Doug Torbeck (2024), Marisa Boynton (2025), Brant Deichmann (2025), John Davis (Treasurer), Craig Anderson (Clerk)

Present Via Zoom: Gwen Weibel (2023)

Absent: Lindsay Taylor (Junior Warden – 2023), John Totten (2025)

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

There being a quorum present, John Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Fr. Perkins offered the opening prayer.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

Vestry Meeting - April 18, 2022

Kathi Frelk moved, and Ric Lindeen seconded, that the minutes of the April 18, 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 St. Michael's pledge receipts are as anticipated. Also, the Little Angels Christian Preschool continues to be doing well with respect to revenue and expenditures.

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

5. New Business

Outreach Recommendations

Melissa Buckley and Carol Berman provided a summary overview of the grant requests included in the Vestry meeting packet and the funding recommendations of the Outreach Committee. It was noted that for an organization seeking a grant, its concentration on delivery of food and shelter services was a primary factor for consideration with respect to a funding recommendation.

Fr. Perkins advised that a grant for the Rector's Discretionary Fund was not requested or needed for Spring 2022. He thanked the Outreach Committee and Vestry for previous grants.

Carol commented on the success of last year's Outreach Committee outdoor benefit concert. Melissa noted that an effort to get more information pertaining to the volunteer hands-on needs of organizations receiving grants is contemplated.

Melissa Buckley moved, and Greg Mears seconded, that the 2022 Spring Outreach Grant requests be approved as recommended by the Outreach Committee. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

6. Old Business

Rectory Kitchen and Bathrooms

Fr. Perkins provided an update on the kitchen improvement project, including photos of the work underway. He commented on the plans for design and location of various components, such as cabinets, and noted the electrical system upgrade required and the endeavor to find a painter.

7. Committee Reports

Building and Grounds Committee

Brant Deichmann advised that the Community Room roof leak has been repaired. He noted that all the roof repairs are being completed under warranty. Also, moving forward with the foundation sealing project is likely and the Little Angels Christian Preschool exterior landscaping project is proceeding.

Youth Advisory Committee

Ric Lindeen commented that Youth Sunday was very nice, and thanked Sydney Tucker and the other youth participants for their outstanding work to make it a success.

Also, Ric reported that the Confirmation Service was great, with seven of the confirmands being from St. Michael's. Bishop Chilton was awesome and it was a wonderful day.

Parish Vision

No update.

Renk Partnership Ministry

Carol Berman reported that a cover letter and survey will be sent to past supporters of the Renk Partnership Ministry to provide an update on and to ascertain the level of interest in continuation of this ministry.

In response to a question from Carol, Fr. Perkins advised that a ministry fair is being considered for later this year.

8. Rector's Report

Fr. Perkins noted that the many recent activities and events at St. Michael's include a large wedding, two funerals, Youth Sunday, and Diocesan confirmation service. He observed that St. Michael's is blessed to have many young families as parishioners. Also, four baptisms are scheduled for Pentecost Sunday and St. Michael's has a new Organist, Jerry Egger.

Also, Kathy Arendarczyk, Nursery Coordinator, is retiring. There is need to fill this position.

Fr. Perkins advised that upcoming work includes moving forward with the Parish Vision initiative and planning for recognition of St. Michael's 75th anniversary next year.

9. Senior Warden's Report

Ukraine Fundraiser

John Garcia commented on the great success of the Ukraine fundraiser event, noting that its success was the result of a church-wide effort, with great assistance from parish staff and parishioners, and Moretti's generous contribution of food and related assistance. He expressed his thanks to all involved.

Fr. Perkins thanked Kim Curtis, Facilities Manager and Sunday School Director, for assuring that the Community Room was set-up for the event.

10. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was offered by Fr. Perkins.

11. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business and no objection, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Craig G. Anderson

Craig G. Anderson, Clerk