

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Barrington, Illinois

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of Monday, June 20, 2022

7:00 p.m. – Virtual

Present: The Rev. Jesse Perkins (Rector), John Garcia (Senior Warden-2023) (7:25 p.m.), Lindsay Taylor (Junior Warden – 2023), Kathi Frelk (2023), David Rauschenberg (2023), Gwen Weibel (2023), Carol Berman (2024), Greg Mears (2024), Doug Torbeck (2024), Brant Deichmann (2025), John Davis (Treasurer), Craig Anderson (Clerk)

Absent: Ric Lindeen (2023), Melissa Buckley (2024), Marisa Boynton (2025), John Totten (2025)

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

There being a quorum present, Lindsay Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Fr. Perkins offered the opening prayer.

2. Approval of Agenda

David Rauschenberg moved, and Carol Berman seconded, that the agenda be approved as presented. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Vestry Meeting – May 16, 2022

Carol Berman moved, and Greg Mears seconded, that the minutes of the May 16, 2022, meeting of the Vestry be approved as presented. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

4. Financial Report

John Davis advised that revenues and expenditures remain on track. He reported that the Workforce Bonus grant for Little Angels Christian Preschool staff was paid in May, and Outreach grants were distributed.

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

5. New Business

Outreach Recommendations

On Sunday, July 31, 2022, a representative of St. Leonard's Ministries will be present at St. Michael's. Melissa Buckley has recommended that the open offering proceeds from the worship services on that day be distributed to St. Leonard's Ministries.

David Rauschenberg moved, and Carol Berman seconded, that the proceeds from the opening offering at the Sunday, July 31, 2022, worship services be distributed to St. Leonard's Ministries. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

6. Old Business

Rectory Kitchen and Bathrooms

Fr. Perkins reported that the kitchen is now completely functional, with only some minor cabinet trim work and room painting remaining to be completed. He provided some photographs of the kitchen, noting that it is beautiful and an astounding transformation, including the floor transition work. Also, the electrical service upgrade has been completed.

Fr. Perkins thanked the Vestry for investment in the rectory improvements.

7. Committee Reports

Building and Grounds Committee

Brant Deichmann noted that Kim Curtis has been exploring the possibility of improvements to the exterior accessibility ramp located near the Community Room and potential project costs.

Possible options for the project were discussed. However, funding for the project is not included in this year's budget. Further Vestry review and discussion might occur later.

Youth Advisory Committee

Fr. Perkins advised that the Youth Advisory Committee has been renamed; going forward it will be the LIFT (Living in Faith Together) Board. He advised that alternatives to a summer mission trip are being contemplated due to other summer activities that make it difficult for junior and senior high school students to commit to a trip. Also, Kay Lewis is developing a job description for a staff person to assist the Youth Director.

Fr. Perkins commented that St. Michael's has a strong youth program.

Parish Vision

Fr. Perkins reported that the Parish Vision team is coordinating a meeting date.

8. Rector's Report

Fr. Perkins reported that he is working on ideas for assisting clergy; Pentecost Sunday was great, with more than 200 in-person/virtual participants; parish staff vacations are underway; the 2022/2023 program year calendar is being prepared; a representative from St. Leonard's Ministries will be present on Sunday, July 31; and the parish office will be closed on July 4.

9. Senior Warden's Report

In-Person Meetings

Lindsay Taylor and John Garcia asked the Vestry to consider whether meetings should be in-person or virtual going forward. John thanked Lindsay for her help with this evening's meeting.

John commented that he appreciated the return to an in-person meeting last month and would like to have in-person meetings as much as possible. He asked the Vestry members what they would like to do.

Suggestions and ideas offered during discussion included having in-person meetings immediately following Sunday services and having a Vestry retreat which could be beneficial for parish planning. It was noted that a retreat could be a one-day event, perhaps with an overnight option, facilities for which might be available

in Mundelein (University of Saint Mary of the Lake Conference Center) or Barrington (Bellarmino Jesuit Retreat House). Also, a retreat could be an opportunity for planning for St. Michael's 75th anniversary.

John Garcia asked that further discussion of a retreat be placed on the Vestry meeting agenda for July. Fr. Perkins suggested that maybe the September Vestry meeting could be in-person.

10. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was offered by Fr. Perkins.

11. Motion to Adjourn

David Rauschenberg moved, and John Garcia seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No nays. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Craig G. Anderson

Craig G. Anderson, Clerk