

**St. Michael's Episcopal Church**

**Barrington, Illinois**

**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of Monday, July 18, 2022**

**7:00 p.m. – Virtual**

**Present:** The Rev. Jesse Perkins (Rector), John Garcia (Senior Warden-2023), Lindsay Taylor (Junior Warden-2023), Kathi Frelk (2023), Ric Lindeen (2023), David Rauschenberg (2023), Gwen Weibel (2023) (7:30 p.m.), Carol Berman (2024), Melissa Buckley (2024), Greg Mears (2024), Doug Torbeck (2024), Marisa Boynton (2025), Brant Deichmann (2025), John Davis (Treasurer), Craig Anderson (Clerk)

**Absent:** John Totten (2025)

**1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

There being a quorum present, John Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Fr. Perkins offered the opening prayer.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

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

**3. Approval of Minutes**

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Ric Lindeen moved, and Carol Berman seconded, that the minutes of the June 20, 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 pledge receipts continue to be ahead for the year-to-date. Also, the Little Angels Christian Preschool summer camp income was higher than expected. St. Michael's fiscal position continues to remain stable.

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

**5. New Business**

Open Offering for July 31 – St. Leonard's

Melissa Buckley asked that Vestry members spread the word that representatives of St. Leonard's Ministries will be present at worship services on Sunday, July 31, 2022, and encourage in-person attendance at worship and coffee hour.

### Fr. Perkins Sabbatical

Fr. Perkins reviewed proposed plans for a possible sabbatical for him next year. He provided the Vestry with written information outlining those plans, including a schedule, service and pastoral care coverage, related employment Letter of Agreement language, and a letter of support from Assisting Bishop Knudsen.

During discussion by the Vestry, comments and observations included that the sabbatical is much deserved, is of benefit to Fr. Perkins and the parish, and offers an opportunity for renewal and growth. Fr. Perkins also noted that he is contemplating pursuit of a doctoral degree.

Fr. Perkins advised that parishioners and he will continue to work on plans for the St. Michael's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in the fall of 2023. Also, work to undertake a campaign to establish a permanent fund to provide for future care and maintenance of St. Michael's facilities will continue. Fr. Perkins advised that he will make sure that all is in place for St. Michael's day-to-day operations while he is on sabbatical.

John Davis indicated that St. Michael's Designated Funds includes funding for the sabbatical. Doug Torbeck moved, and Marisa Boynton seconded, that the Vestry support Fr. Perkins' plan for his sabbatical as presented. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

Fr. Perkins extended his thanks and appreciation to the members of the Vestry for their support.

## **6. Old Business**

### Rectory Kitchen and Bathrooms

Fr. Perkins reported that the kitchen improvement project is essentially done, with the painting having been completed and just a small piece of crown moulding remaining to be installed.

## **7. Committee Reports**

### Building and Grounds Committee

Brant Deichmann noted that Sara Torbeck is looking at the possibility of wheelchair ramp installation for choir loft access. Brant reported that sealing of the church building foundation has been completed, some sealcoating has been done in the church parking lot, and some air conditioning updating has been undertaken.

### Youth Advisory Committee

Ric Lindeen reported that all is going well with plans for the summer mission trip alternative project, which is a refresh of the rectory garage; it is scheduled for the beginning of August. Also, the LIFT Board, with input from Kay Lewis and Fr. Perkins, is working on development of a job description for a youth minister.

### Parish Vision

Fr. Perkins reported that the Parish Vision team has scheduled a meeting date.

## **8. Rector's Report**

Fr. Perkins reported that a meeting of the Renk Partnership team has been set, outreach initiatives are moving forward, a large donor-designated gift to St. Michael's is anticipated, and Pam Blass is leaving her position as parish administrator.

### **9. Senior Warden's Report**

In follow-up to preliminary discussion at the June meeting of the Vestry, John Garcia noted that a date needs to be set for a Vestry retreat. Based on availability of venues and Vestry comment, Friday evening, October 28, 2022, through Saturday morning, October 29, 2022, is the projected date.

David Rauschenberg moved, and Kathi Frelk seconded, that a budget of \$2,000 be allocated for the retreat. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

John Garcia noted that he is looking forward to St. Michael's Ribfest.

### **10. Closing Prayer**

Fr. Perkins thanked the Vestry for its support and offered the closing prayer.

### **11. Motion to Adjourn**

David Rauschenberg moved, and Melissa Buckley seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. There being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Craig G. Anderson

Craig G. Anderson, Clerk