

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Barrington, Illinois

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of Monday, December 19, 2022

7:00 p.m. – Virtual (Via Zoom)

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), Carol Berman (2024), Melissa Buckley (2024), Doug Torbeck (2024), Marisa Boynton (2025), Brant Deichmann (2025), John Davis (Treasurer), Craig Anderson (Clerk)

Absent: Greg Mears (2024), John Totten (2025)

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

There being a quorum present, John Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Fr. Perkins offered the opening prayer.

2. Approval of Agenda

Lindsay Taylor requested that 'Gifts Survey' be added to the agenda under New Business.

Kathi Frelk moved, and Ric Lindeen seconded, that the agenda be approved as amended to include 'Gifts Survey' under New Business. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Vestry Meeting – November 21, 2022 (Via Zoom)

Ric Lindeen moved, and Melissa Buckley seconded, that the minutes of the November 21, 2022, meeting of the Vestry be approved as presented. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

4. Financial Report

Fr. Perkins advised that due to work on preparation of the parish budget for 2023, the November 2022 Financial Statements are not yet completed. However, revenues and expenditures continue to remain steady.

5. New Business

2023 Vestry Slate

The proposed 2023 slate of candidates for the Vestry is as follows:

- Lindsay Taylor, Senior Warden, 1-year term
- Bill Ferry, Junior Warden, 1-year term
- Ellen Lindeen, Vestry Member, 2-year term (to fill unexpired term of John Totten)
- Sam Adams-Lanham, Vestry Member, 3-year term
- Wes Kimes, Vestry Member, 3-year term
- Lynn Mayberry, Vestry Member, 3-year term

Lindsay Taylor thanked Carol Berman for her assistance with the candidate recruitment process and reviewed the proposed slate.

Ric Lindeen moved, and Marisa Boynton seconded, that the proposed 2023 slate of candidates for the Vestry be approved as presented. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

Gifts Survey

Lindsay Taylor requested input from Vestry members regarding the spiritual gifts survey, discussed at the recent Vestry retreat, that would be disseminated to parishioners; more specifically, the purpose of the survey and how the information obtained would be used.

Discussion which followed included the following suggestions, observations, and thoughts:

- Persons who respond need to know how the information obtained will be communicated and used
- Survey responses will be helpful for parish leadership and development
- Contact respondents regarding use of their gifts
- Match parish needs with skills ascertained from survey responses
- Focus on parish ministries needs to include Vestry liaisons
- Where can spiritual gifts have the most impact?

It was noted that the spiritual gifts survey is related to that which has been learned from the recent CAT (congregational assessment tool) survey. Next steps include creation of the survey, along with mechanisms for communication of the survey and collection and aggregation of the data. Additionally, approaches to follow up with ministry leaders and to contact individuals regarding possible use of their spiritual gifts need to be determined.

6. Old Business

St. Michael's Preservation Fund (Charitable Remainder Trust)

Fr. Perkins reported that work on details associated with the proposed implementation of this initiative is continuing.

Chapel Items

Lindsay Taylor reported on the status of this matter. She will advise the Vestry of any further updates.

7. Committee Reports (As Requested)

Building and Grounds Committee

Brant Deichmann advised that there is nothing of urgency to report.

Stewardship

Marisa Boynton and Lindsay Taylor provided an update on financial pledges received thus far for 2023. Although the pledge picture is looking better than last month, there is a shortfall of ~\$23,000 when compared to pledges received for 2022 at this time last year.

Lindsay and Marisa thanked the Vestry for the pledge follow-up calls to parishioners.

8. Rector's Report

Fr. Perkins noted that the Lessons and Carols service was beautiful. He reported that there was a large funeral last week, he had a several-day Advent spiritual retreat, and current focus is on preparations for Christmas at St. Michael's. Also, Fr. Perkins noted procedures are in place for services when weather conditions are severe; parish staff has received some help for the use of graphics in communications; there is need for some training to assist with use of the parish data base; his upcoming travel plans; focus after Christmas will be on preparations for the Annual Meeting; and some personnel updates. He thanked all who helped with the funeral for Tommie Nessel.

Fr. Perkins and the Vestry discussed ideas and ways to provide pastoral care for St. Michael's parishioners.

9. Senior Warden's Report

John Garcia expressed his thanks and gratefulness to the members of the Vestry for all their help during his tenure as Senior Warden, noting that it has been a wonderful experience. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

10. Closing Prayer

Fr. Perkins led the Vestry in a closing prayer from Compline.

11. Motion to Adjourn

Carol Berman moved, and Ric Lindeen seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. There being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Craig G. Anderson

Craig G. Anderson, Clerk