



ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Vestry Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024  
Meeting Open: 7:02pm  
Next Meeting: Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 7pm

Submitted by: Allie Porter  
Adjourned: 7:36pm

### Present:

Fr. Nick Evancho  
Irene Ehde, Sr. Warden  
Melodie McEvoy, Jr. Warden - Via Zoom  
Dawn Farquharson  
Jerry Cahill  
Amy Heist

Joe Childs  
Carol Northrup  
Sharon Jones-Absent  
Beth Boron  
Ellen Valvo  
Mark Korzelius

1. Fr. Nick Evancho led the Vestry in prayer.
2. Call for Additional Business
  - Amy Heist would like add discussion about finding more members for the Fundraising Committee.
3. Review/Acceptance of March Minutes
  - Fr. Nick asked if there were additions or corrections to the minutes of the March 14, 2024 meeting, and there were none at this time.
  - Joe Childs motioned to accept the March minutes as written, and Amy Heist seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted by a unanimous vote.
4. Financial Reports – \*from Mike Somer
  - We currently have a credit for \$12,000 for accidentally overpaying Father Nick's pension compensation since he started at St. Martin's. Father Nick noticed this, reported it and got it fixed.
  - Beth Boron motioned to accept the financial report for the month of March, and Ellen Valvo seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
5. New Business/Reports
  - A. Buildings and Grounds
    - Thanks to Just Right Heating and Cooling and a grant from National Fuel, the furnaces have been replaced, three Smart Thermostats have been installed, and a new heat pump on the Sidway side of the building has been installed at no cost to the church. This means that the temperatures are now scheduled/set which will be much more cost efficient and the entire addition to the building is now air conditioned!
    - There has also been drainage work done which has greatly reduced the flooding in the

basement during rainstorms.

- There was discussion about needing a new lawn mower soon. Rich Gibson gives his time to mow the church grounds every summer.

B. Chicken BBQ/Basket Raffle Update

- We've already gotten about 20 items in from local businesses donated by mail. Amy Heist is working on finding a team to go to businesses to follow up with the mailer in person.
- Beth Boron suggested sending thank you notes to those businesses who have already donated as they come in instead of waiting until after the event to thank them. Father Nick will draft a letter.
- Father Nick purchased a new credit card reader for us to use for all St. Martin's future events.

C. Blessing Box Food Stock

- It was proposed to reinstate "Food Sunday" on the first Sunday of every month to help fill the Blessing Box.
- Beth Boron raised the question to possibly have others/businesses on Grand Island donate to the Blessing Box. She will talk to Anne D. about this.

6. Additional Business

- The sexton is finding cigarette butts in the garbage cans with paper towels, which is a hazard. Father Nick will talk to all of the groups that use the building to remind them of the rules.

7. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn was offered by Jerry Cahill and seconded by Amy Heist. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Next Vestry Meeting

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Attachments:

1. Vestry Meeting Agenda – April 11, 2024 – Fr. Nick Evancho
2. March Financial Statement – Mike Somer
3. Vestry Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2024 – Allie Porter