



ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Date: May 9, 2024
Meeting Open: 7:10pm
Next Meeting: June 20, 2024

Submitted by: Allie Porter
Adjourned: 8:30pm

Present:

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

Joe Childs - *Via Zoom
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 to add a fundraising update.
 - Melodie would like to add a conversation about social media.
3. Review/Acceptance of April Minutes
 - Fr. Nick asked if there were additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 11, 2024 meeting, and there was one change under the Financial Report to change the credited amount from \$1,200 to \$12,000.
 - Joe Childs motioned to accept the April minutes with the correction, and Dawn Farquharson seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted by a unanimous vote.
4. Financial Reports – *from Mike Somer
 - Father Nick stated that we received an insurance check for \$2,500 from past sewer issues. He also said that once we get the insurance check from our secretary's maternity leave, we will "even out" the operating fund.
 - It was discussed that a Stewardship campaign should begin now that the Capital Drive is complete. Mark Korzelius suggested that we start one in the Fall.
 - Father Nick will look into the past pension statements to make sure that they are correct for the year after Mark Korzelius noticed that it is currently listed as \$0 for the year.
 - Beth Boron suggested that we plan an event to celebrate that we reached our Capital Drive goal!
 - Ellen Valvo motioned to accept the financial report for the month of April, and Amy Heist seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. New Business/Reports

A. Building and Grounds

- Father Nick reported that we have had minor flooding compared to previous storms due to a likely crack in the foundation. He will look into seeing if insurance can cover this repair.
- The new heater in the rectors office is not heating correctly. Father Nick will reach out to Just Right Heating and Cooling to fix this issue.
- Beth Boron added that the Garden Club is starting up again. She will put up a sign up sheet in the narthex to welcome new members. She is requesting a small budget line for future Garden Club supplies. The LIFT ladies donated the flower pots at the entrance and Eric Boron donated a weed whacker.

B. Endowment Board Report

- Beth Boron made a motion to divest from the Episcopal Church Foundation and reinvest the funds in a brokerage account at the discretion of the Endowment Board. Melodie McEvoy seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

C. Bulletin Changes

- The bulletin will be changing to go back to our pre-covid tradition of using the hymnals. This will cut down on formatting time and budget money by using smaller paper.

D. Rector's Discretionary Fund Policy

- The rector's discretionary fund is mostly funded by the thanksgiving box. There is currently no policy in place of how to distribute this money, how often to use it, and what to use it for. It was suggested by Father Nick to create a policy to respect those who donate money to it. Ellen Valvo asked to look at the policies of other parishes as we write ours. Beth Boron and Melodie McEvoy offered to help write this policy. Mark Korzelius suggested that the Audit Committee adds the discretionary fund to their list to look over each year.
- Ellen Valvo added that she has \$300.25 from Bottle Junction to submit. She asked if an announcement can be added to the bulletin to update the congregation.

E. Chicken BBQ/Basket Raffle Update

- Credit card readers have been bought and are up and running.
- Placemat ads are selling well.
- Amy Heist gave an update that the basket raffle donations are coming in from local businesses. Members from the congregation are following up in person to businesses we sent letters to at the beginning of the year. TOPS donated Smarties for the 4th of July parade. Father Nick will send a thank you.

F. Additional Information:

Social Media:

Melodie McEvoy and Irene Ehde went to a Warden's meeting and other parishes are doing their services online via Zoom, Facebook Live or YouTube. Melodie was wondering if this is something St. Martin's would be able to do. It was discussed that this is possible, there just needs to be someone to man it.

Microphone Replacement:

Irene Ehde made a motion to use up to \$500 of the Capital Fund to install a wired microphone at the lectern. Beth Boron seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Fundraising Update:

Moonlight Serenade is in the works for August 30! Wineries are coming to present their wines. Jack Civiletto is coming. The goal is to get the lighting and concrete in the pavilion completed before this event.

Church Directory:

Carol Northrup asked about printing a new directory. Father Nick will print one ASAP.

6. Adjourn

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

Next Vestry Meeting

- The next Vestry Meeting will be on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 7pm.

Attachments:

1. Vestry Meeting Agenda – May 9, 2024 – Fr. Nick Evancho
2. April Financial Statement – Mike Somer
3. Vestry Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2024 – Allie Porter