



ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS
E P I S C O P A L C H U R C H

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Date: August 3, 2023
Meeting Open: 7:04 p.m.
Next Meeting: September 14, 2023

Submitted by: Deanna-Marie DiPirro
Adjourned: 8:03 p.m.

Present:

Fr. Nick Evancho
Pete Schlau, Sr. Warden
Irene Ehde, Jr. Warden
Ellen Valvo
Melodie McEvoy
Allie Porter
Kris Dodge

Dawn Farquharson
Jerry Cahill
Amy Heist
Joe Childs - *ABSENT
Carol Northrup - *Via Zoom
Sharon Jones

1. Fr. Nick Evancho led the Vestry in prayer.
2. Call for Additional Business
 - Allie Porter added Pavilion events.
3. Review/Acceptance of June Minutes
 - Fr. Nick asked if there were additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 8, 2023 meeting, and none were stated.
 - Sharon Jones motioned to accept the June minutes as written, and Pete Schlau seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted by a unanimous vote.
4. Review/Acceptance of June and July Financial Reports – *from Mike Somer
 - Fr. Nick stated that the July financial report is positive because of the Chicken BBQ.
 - Fr. Nick also stated that giving is up \$10,000, and we are doing quite well YTD.
 - The Vestry thanked all that headed the committees and all the volunteers that made this Chicken BBQ the most successful we have had!
 - As no other questions or comments arose, Amy Heist motioned to accept the financial report for the months of June and July as written, and Jerry Cahill seconded the motion. The financial reports for June and July were accepted by a unanimous vote.
5. New Business
 - a) State of the Capital Drive
 - i. Church Roof Replacement – Pete Schlau stated that we previously received the roof replacement quote from Jeff Miller, and usually the quote is only good for 90 days. Bob Mesmer checked, and the quote amount has not changed, and Jeff Miller is looking to start the project in September. Pete also reminded the Vestry that the Endowment Board has given \$2000 to the Capital Drive, and Fr. Nick stated that the Diocesan Grant Committee meets in August, and that additional money would help as well.

b) Endowment Update/Capital Grant

- Pete Schlau stated that the income was reviewed, and the gains were up 7 ½ %. The Endowment Board has 2 accounts, one to support the Operating Account, and one for new ministries, capital, etc. Pete Schlau stated that the Endowment Board wishes to pledge an additional \$2000 to the Capital Account.
- Pete Schlau motioned to allot an additional \$2000 from the Endowment Board to the Capital Account. Kris Dodge seconded the motion, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

a) Continuation of the Church Roof Replacement

- i. Kris Dodge motioned for the Vestry to approve funds for the roof replacement project, not to exceed \$34,000. Irene Ehde seconded the motion, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

c) Christian Ed

- Pete Schlau reminded the Vestry that we currently do not have a Christian Ed Director, who is usually responsible for advertising the program and recruiting teachers. The Vestry discussed what we would like the program to look like in the future, including who is our market. Pete Schlau suggested that the Vestry reach out to the congregation to see if anyone is interested.
- Melodie McEvoy suggested reaching out to the families of children who have been baptized and let them know that we have a Christian Ed program, and Fr. Nick could possibly send out a letter by age group. Pete Schlau added that information could be put in the e-newsletter as well.

d) Jack & Jill Rent Dispute

- Fr. Nick stated that in a previous meeting, the Vestry voted to increase the Jack & Jill rental fee by \$150/month, for a total of \$800/month for 10 months. Fr. Nick brought the new lease to the board, and they have asked to delay this increase by 1 year, due to their tuition not being increased to cover this cost.
- The Vestry discussed the church expenses versus Jack & Jill's expenses, as well as the increases that the church has had, which in term would affect their rental fee. Discussion continued with scenarios that may happen if Jack & Jill choose to not sign the lease.
- Fr. Nick will follow up with the Jack & Jill Board with the Vestry's decision to keep the lease at the amount of \$800/month. Pete Schlau suggested email for any correspondence for documentation purposes.

e) Election of Convention Deputies

- Fr. Nick discussed the Diocesan Convention this year, which will be held at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie, Pennsylvania on Friday, October 20 and Saturday, October 21.
- Fr. Nick stated that Amy Heist has volunteered, and that he is looking for a second delegate. Melodie McEvoy volunteered.
- During this discussion, the volunteers also offered to pay for their own accommodations.
- The Vestry approved Amy Heist and Melodie McEvoy to be voting members at the Diocesan Convention on behalf of St. Martin's.

6. Additional Business

- Fr. Nick stated that he will be out of town Saturday, August 5 – Saturday, August 12 and there will be a supply priest for Sunday. There are currently no funeral plans for Don Lewis but may have Fr. Earle preside if there is a service while Fr. Nick is away.
- Allie Porter discussed how she attended a “movie night” event at another church and thought that it could be a good fellowship event for us, possibly even pairing it with the backpack blessing. The Vestry agreed that this was a good idea, and Pete Schlau suggested a committee to organize more fellowship events. Allie Porter and Amy Heist volunteered for this committee.

7. Adjourn

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

Next Vestry Meeting

- The next Vestry Meeting will be our summer meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 7pm.

Attachments:

1. Vestry Meeting Agenda – August 3, 2023 – Fr. Nick Evancho
2. June and July Financial Statements – Mike Somer
3. Vestry Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2023 – Deanna-Marie DiPirro