



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

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Date: May 18, 2023
Meeting Open: 7:06 p.m.
Next Meeting: June 8, 2023

Submitted by: Deanna-Marie DiPirro
Adjourned: 8:12 p.m.

Present:

Fr. Nick Evancho

Pete Schlau, Sr. Warden

Ellen Valvo, Jr. Warden - *ABSENT

Melodie McEvoy

Allie Porter

Kris Dodge - *ABSENT

Dawn Farquharson

Jerry Cahill

Amy Heist

Joe Childs

Carol Northrup

Sharon Jones - *ABSENT

Irene Ehde

This Vestry Meeting for May 18, 2023 was held over Zoom for all members.

1. Fr. Nick Evancho led the Vestry in prayer.

2. Call for Additional Business

- Melodie McEvoy requested to add the Altar Rail Cushions to the Agenda.
- Pete Schlau offered the update of the Altar Rail Cushions, stating that he contacted them to check on shipping, and they indicated that they did not receive payment. Pete checked with Mike Somer, and they cashed our check on April 4. Pete will update us on the delivery date once he receives it.
- Jerry Cahill requested to add the “Moonlight Serenade” date to the Agenda, as well as the Picture Directory. Fr. Nick suggested that these items may be possible future fundraisers.
- Joe Childs stated that he has renewed our involvement in the “Wreaths Across America” Fundraiser for this year and we can now begin promoting it. Fr. Nick added that he believed that Memorial Day would be a good time of year for it.
- Dawn Farquharson brought up some concerns that the congregation has for purchasing columbarium niches, and the Vestry discussed solutions.

3. Review/Acceptance of April Minutes

- Fr. Nick asked if there were additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 13, 2023 meeting, and none were stated.
- Pete Schlau motioned to accept the April minutes as written, and Amy Heist seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted by a unanimous vote.

4. Review/Acceptance of April Financial Report – *from Mike Somer

- Fr. Nick stated that this financial report is a positive report and does not reflect the disbursement from the Endowment Board yet. He stated that the Chicken BBQ will help as well.
- As no other questions or comments arose, Jerry Cahill motioned to accept the financial report for

the month of April as written, and Melodie McEvoy seconded the motion. The financial report for April was accepted by a unanimous vote.

5. New Business

a) Vestry Changes

- Fr. Nick proposed appointing Irene Ehde to Junior Warden for the remainder of this Vestry Year.
- Amy Heist motioned to appoint Irene Ehde to Junior Warden until the next Annual Meeting is held in the first quarter of 2024. Jerry Cahill seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

b) State of the Capital Drive

- i. Pavilion Update – Electrical repairs are moving along.
- ii. Pavilion Opening Ceremony Planning - Fr, Nick opened the floor to the discussion of a date for the Opening Ceremony of the Pavilion. The Vestry discussed some ideas and Pete Schlau suggested a subcommittee be created for this event. Amy Heist, Melodie McEvoy, and Jerry Cahill volunteered and will report back to the Vestry.
- iii. Carol Northrup wanted to point out how much time and hard work Bob Mesmer has been putting into the Pavilion project, as well as the many other volunteers. Pete Schlau stated that recognition for both the volunteers and the donors is currently being discussed.

c) Roof Replacement

- Fr. Nick stated that Jeff Miller will also be completing the roof replacement project.
- Some parishioners have voiced their concerns about what color is chosen for the roof of the church. Pete Schlau suggested that a subcommittee be formed regarding this decision.
- Joe Childs suggested researching the choices and presenting them to the congregation, with a possible ballot box for voting. He also volunteered for the subcommittee with Fr. Nick. They will speak with Jeff Miller for information about the roof options.

d) Pet Pantry Proposal

- Fr. Nick discussed the overview of this outreach project that was introduced at the April Vestry meeting. The Vestry discussed hesitations and space issues that are causing a delay in the decision-making process. The Vestry decided that clear expectations are needed. Fr. Nick to follow up with Sharon and Charlotte.

e) Blessing Box Maintenance

- Fr. Nick stated that LIFT has offered to monitor the Blessing Box moving forward, specifically Amy Heist and Anne Dietrich. Money from the Rector's Discretionary Fund will be used to maintain supplies for a few months. Amy and Anne are having a meeting this Sunday to discuss.

f) Jack & Jill Lease Renewal

- Fr, Nick stated that both teachers are retiring and the new teachers for the 2023-2024 school year have been announced.
- The Vestry discussed Jack & Jill's usage of the Pavilion, and Allie Porter suggested adding a

clause in the lease.

- The Vestry also discussed the rental fee for the upcoming school year, including inflation costs, utilities increasing, etc. and decided to increase the amount \$150 per month, for a 10-month lease.
- Fr. Nick will draft the new lease and look at the clauses to see if the Pavilion is covered.
- After speaking with Pete Schlau, Amy Heist spoke with both AA groups and let them know they are welcome to use the Pavilion after we have our Opening Ceremony.
- Joe Childs motioned to increase the Jack & Jill rental fee \$150 for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Melodie McEvoy seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6. Additional Business

- The Vestry discussed the usage of the Pavilion and other church spaces and suggested having someone manage the scheduling. Fr. Nick will look into having something electronic.
- Pete Schlau discussed the Christian Ed Program and moving forward and keeping it alive and what that may look like in the future. Joe Childs suggested looking to the Diocese for assistance/resources and possibly joining with other congregations. Fr. Nick will follow up and report back to the Vestry.
- Joe Childs and the Vestry wanted to thank the Goodfellows for replacing the light at the top of the flagpole!

7. Adjourn

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

Next Vestry Meeting

- The next Vestry Meeting will be Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 7pm.

Attachments:

1. Vestry Meeting Agenda – May 18, 2023 – Fr. Nick Evancho
2. April Financial Statement – Mike Somer
3. Vestry Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2023 – Deanna-Marie DiPirro