



ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Date:	May 9, 2019	Submitted by:	Deanna-Marie Nati
Meeting Open:	7:05 p.m.	Adjourned:	8:52 p.m.
Next Meeting:	June 13, 2019		

Present:

Fr. Chris O'Connor	Marylou Pohl
Ellen Valvo, Sr. Warden	Dave Porter - Absent
Jeanne Percival, Jr. Warden	Jynn Clark - Absent
Molly Ehlenfield	Sharon Jones
Megan MacConkey	Mark Korzelius - Absent
Bob Mesmer - Absent	Marge Schlau

Fr. Chris led the Vestry in prayer.

Fr. Chris passed out a handout, "*Questions to Consider*". He said it was part of the transition and discernment discussion. Fr. Chris stated that the sheet is separate from the Search Committee, but they may be asking the same questions as well. He stated that we should be asking ourselves these questions on a regular basis, and equally on the forefront of people's thoughts as well. These questions should be included as a regular part of leaders of this Parish.

Fr. Chris asked if the Vestry meets during the summer months, and Ellen Valvo replied that we only meet one time over July and August. Marge Schlau stated that we usually meet after the Chicken BBQ to go over all of the information from the event.

Ellen Valvo asked if there were any additions to the Agenda, and Ellen stated that the addition of the discussion of the Choir was already added to New Business.

Ellen Valvo asked if there were any additions or corrections for the minutes of the previous April 11, 2019 Vestry meeting, and the "Town Hall" meeting on May 5, 2019. No one opposed, and the minutes were passed by a unanimous vote.

Monthly Finances

● Treasurer's Report for April 2019

Operating Fund	\$ 7,806.27
Capital Fund	31,707.48

Gift Fund 6,119.32
Total \$45,633.07

- Marge Schlau stated that Pete was asking about the Rector Pension. Fr. Chris replied that it may possibly be paid quarterly.
- Megan MacConkey asked about the Meat Raffle funds, and Ellen Valvo stated that they went right to the Capital Fund for the Rectory Renovation project.
- Megan MacConkey asked if we should go over the Capital Fund, and Ellen Valvo stated that it was a very good question, and Jeanne Percival stated that we should ask Mike Somer to include it in the finances for next month.

Search Committee Update

- The Search Committee is happy with our plans for the Rectory, and the timeline
- No new updates otherwise

Rectory Update

- Ellen Valvo did call exterminators regarding the mice issue
- Ellen called 3 companies, and only 1 company will do free estimates
- Marge Schlau offered an alternative to try and take care of the issue before calling a company. Sharon Jones offered to help as well, and said that it wouldn't hurt to try this first. Molly Ehlenfield stated that the exterminators could always be a second option for us
- The original House Inspection stated that the electrical needed to be updated. Kris Dodge received estimates from a friend, who has a company, for \$1925. It is a registered Grand Island company, and they have the list from the House Inspection.
- Marge Schlau stated that the floors in the Rectory were going to be completed with the help of Paul Crist. Paul is meeting with Marge to see if the floors need to be refinished, as he has previous experience. Further discussion of the flooring took place, including that the carpet at the top of the stairs was pulled up and the floor there looks good
- John and Lisa Hoyt have been painting the bedrooms
- The full report of the original house inspection is in a binder located in the office if anyone would like to look at it

Capital Fund Drive Update

- Eric Boron is having a meeting on May 14 with the Episcopal Church Foundation, but otherwise has nothing to report

Meat Raffle Update

- The Meat Raffle was discussed, including how much was brought in for St. Martin's, and some items that we change if we chose to have another fundraiser in the future. It was stated that the money was difficult to count.

Christmas Show Fundraiser

- The Christmas Musical Fundraiser was discussed, including if it a good time for us to have this fundraiser, and the Vestry thought Jerry Cahill should have received their approval before moving forward
- Jeanne Percival stated that Jerry Cahill brought up the idea to the Goodfellows and they thought it was a good idea, but they did not have enough information at the time and did not know about the Capital Drive, etc. The Vestry is concerned that this additional fundraiser will be asking the same people for donations/giving, and possible be competing with itself
- Jeanne Percival stated that maybe we should invite Jerry to the next Vestry meeting to get more information, and the Vestry agreed

Depression/Anxiety Group

- This group is looking for meeting space and have contacted St. Martin's
- The group is being run by Carol Winstel's son
- Marge Schlau stated that we have limited availability, and she has concerns because of any future church functions and not having the proper space to accommodate those, in addition to the concern of giving out additional keys to the church
- Ellen Valvo stated that she would hate to say no, and asked if there was a way we could figure out a solution to a possible conflict in the future. Fr. Chris offered a suggestion of maybe giving a 6-8 week trial. Marge also asked how this would affect the Jack & Jill set-up as well
- Jeanne Percival offered to call Carol and find out more information and see what options there are
- Sharon Jones stated that Carol offered to take care of the key to unlock the door for this meeting

"Town Hall" Meeting Follow-up

- The meeting was Sunday, May 5, 2019 after the 10am service
- Jeanne Percival asked Sharon Jones if she could pass out the sign-up sheet at the 8 a.m. service so that they would be able to sign-up to help with the rectory
- Molly Ehlenfield also asked Sharon Jones if they give the Vestry update information at the 8 a.m. service to make sure that everyone has the information, and she stated that yes, she does with Bob Mesmer

Vestry Liaison Reports

- Christian Ed
 - May 17 is the J2A Urban Adventure
 - Molly Ehlenfield discussed that is has been difficult because the parents do not seem to have a level of excitement, and it is then trickling down to the kids. Megan MacConkey added that if the kids aren't excited, it may be difficult to find teachers in the future, as it was this year
 - Rite 13 Ceremony will take place in June

- Funerals – Fr. Chris stated that there will be future plans for a service for Candy Bouley
- Office - Molly Ehlenfield has no report at this time
- Communications – They have been doing a great job with the website
- Scheduling
 - Marge Schlau is meeting with the new president of Jack & Jill for next year's schedule
 - Some maintenance issues were discussed from Jack & Jill, including lighting
 - The Jack & Jill lease was discussed, and Marge Schlau suggested reaching out to Eric Boron to look over the lease
- Buildings & Grounds - Bob Mesmer asked if it was okay to replace the sidewalk at the rectory, and the Vestry stated yes

Active Shooter Protocol

- Lynn Clark is currently out of town

Marketing Update

- Dave Porter is absent from the meeting

Additional Items

- Marylou Pohl asked if there was a Food Chairperson for the Chicken BBQ, and it is Dave Smith
- The Chicken BBQ Meeting is open to all on May 19 after the 10am service

The next Vestry meeting will be Thurs. June 13, 2019 at 7pm.

Who will speak to the congregation on Sunday about tonight's Vestry meeting?

8:00 a.m. Sharon Jones/Bob Mesmer

10:00 a.m. Marge Schlau

Sunday Announcement Schedule:

May 12 - Marge Schlau

May 19 – Ellen Valvo

May 26 - TBD

June 2 – Molly Ehlenfield

June 9 - TBD

Motion to adjourn was offered by Ellen Valvo. The motion was seconded by Marge Schlau. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Fr. Chris led us in a closing prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Attachments:

1. Vestry Meeting Agenda – May 9, 2019 - Ellen Valvo
2. *Questions to Consider* – Fr. Chris O'Connor
3. April Income Statement - Mike Somer