

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Barrington, Illinois

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of Monday, April 17, 2023

7:00 p.m. – Community Room

Present: The Rev. Jesse Perkins (Rector), The Rev. Tim Murray (Deacon), Lindsay Taylor (Senior Warden-2024), Bill Ferry (Junior Warden-2024), Carol Berman (2024), Melissa Buckley (2024), Doug Torbeck (2024), Marisa Boynton (2025), Brant Deichmann (2025), Ellen Lindeen (2025), Sam Adams-Lanham (2026), Wes Kimes (2026), Lynn Mayberry (2026), John Davis (Treasurer), Craig Anderson (Clerk)

Absent: Greg Mears (2024)

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

There being a quorum present, Lindsay Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Fr. Perkins offered the opening prayer.

2. Approval of Agenda

Marisa Boynton moved, and Bill Ferry seconded, that the agenda be approved as presented. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Vestry Meeting – March 20, 2023 (Via Zoom)

Lynn Mayberry moved, and Carol Berman seconded, that the minutes of the March 20, 2023, meeting of the Vestry be approved. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

4. Financial Report – March 2023

John Davis provided a summary overview of the information included in the meeting packet. He noted that revenue and expenditures continue to track generally as expected thus far in the fiscal year.

Doug Torbeck moved, and Lynn Mayberry seconded, that the March 2023 Financial Statements be approved. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

5. New Business

Little Angels Board Candidates

Lynn Mayberry commented that the candidates presented for approval will be good additions to the advisory board.

Carol Berman moved, and Wes Kimes seconded, that Megan Godfrey-Stuck, Kristina Barnett, Jenna Bennett, and Sara Alvarez be appointed to the Little Angels Christian Preschool Parent Advisory Board. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

Fellowship of Reconciliation Letter

Ellen Lindeen reviewed a request from the Fellowship of Reconciliation-USA for support of a letter to President Biden calling for a National Day of Prayer and Contemplation this Mother's Day to stop gun violence. Individuals and organizations are asked to indicate support via a sign-on form. The Fellowship of Reconciliation is an interfaith coalition made up of Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and other faith traditions.

Following discussion, Melissa Buckley moved, and Marisa Boynton seconded, that St. Michael's support the request via the sign-on form. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

Approval of Spring Outreach Funds

Carol Berman reviewed the grant recommendations for the first half of 2023 from the Outreach Committee. Carol noted the process and criteria considered in making the recommendations and requested approval.

Ellen Lindeen moved, and Sam Adams-Lanham seconded, that the grant recommendation from the Outreach Committee be approved. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

6. Old Business

None

7. Committee Reports (As Requested)

Buildings and Grounds

Brant Deichmann reported that some discussion is underway with respect to projects begun and those being contemplated, with further discussion pertaining to organization and direction scheduled for tomorrow.

Fr. Perkins provided an update on the status of the Community Room HVAC unit. He advised that the Vestry might be requested to approve replacement of the unit prior to the next Vestry meeting.

8. Rector's Report

Fr. Perkins commented on this year's Holy Week activities: Preparation of the service bulletins was excellent; the worship services went very well; and the Good Friday service at Salem United Methodist Church was very moving. He noted that the streaming option for virtual attendance at Sunday services continues to be well utilized. Also, he noted the option which was made available to attend in-person or virtually the Overnight Vigil at the Altar of Repose.

Fr. Perkins provided an update on personnel items; advised that he will be attending the consecration of The Rev. Anne B. Jolly as Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio; and noted that he will be participating in the Festival of Homiletics in May. Also, he advised that Carol Berman and Michelle Chan are participating in the Bishop Anderson House pastoral care program.

9. Senior Warden's Report

Lindsay Taylor noted that the Easter services were great; thanked Brant Deichmann and Bill Ferry for their work on buildings and grounds items; and provided an update on the spiritual gifts' discernment endeavor.

Wes Kimes thanked Sara Torbeck for the excellent music during Holy Week.

10. Closing Prayer

Deacon Tim Murray offered the closing prayer.

11. Motion to Adjourn

Wes Kimes moved, and Melissa Buckley seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Craig G. Anderson

Craig G. Anderson, Clerk