

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Barrington, Illinois

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of Monday, March 18, 2024

7:00 p.m. – Virtual Via Zoom

Present: The Rev. Jesse Perkins (Rector), Bill Ferry (Senior Warden-2025), Liz Gabis (Junior Warden-2025), Brant Deichmann (2025), Ellen Lindeen (2025), Sam Adams-Lanham (2026), Wes Kimes (2026), Lynn Mayberry (2026), Amy Hoff (2027), Jeff Tolle (2027), John Davis (Treasurer), Craig Anderson (Clerk)

Absent: Marisa Boynton (2025), Paul Carrubba (2027)

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

There being a quorum present, Bill Ferry called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The opening prayer was offered in unison by meeting attendees.

2. Approval of Agenda

Lynn Mayberry moved, and Ellen Lindeen seconded, that the agenda be approved as presented. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Vestry Meeting – February 26, 2024

Sam Adams-Lanham moved, and Liz Gabis seconded, that the minutes of the February 26, 2024, meeting of the Vestry be approved as presented. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

4. Financial Report – February 2024

John Davis offered a summary overview of the financial report. He noted that it is still early in the new fiscal year, but all is on track thus far.

Wes Kimes moved, and Lynn Mayberry seconded, that the February 2024 Financial Statements be approved as presented. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

5. New Business

Vestry Retreat

Bill Ferry advised that a one-day Vestry retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2024.

Fr. Perkins thanked Lynn and Forrest Mayberry for hosting the retreat, noted that work on the agenda is in progress, and February 2025 is being considered for another retreat.

6. Old Business

Fr. Perkins noted that the 2023 Parochial Report was approved by email vote of members of the Vestry on February 27, 2024, and has been submitted.

7. Committee Reports

Little Angels Preschool Parent Advisory Board Update

Lynn Mayberry relayed a request to add an additional member to the Parent Advisory Board for one year, thus enlarging the Board from 10 persons to 11 persons. Wes Kimes moved, and Bill Ferry seconded, that the Parent Advisory Board membership be increased from 10 persons to 11 persons for the coming year. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

Lynn requested approval of applications from Lauren Cole, Heather Kieser, Katrina Kim, and Marissa Schultz to serve on the Little Angels Christian Preschool Parent Advisory Board. Sam Adams-Lanham moved, and Wes Kimes seconded, that the said applications to serve on the Little Angels Christian Preschool Advisory Board be approved as requested. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

Lynn reported on plans to welcome the new Preschool Director and to recognize Caren Hunter on her retirement.

Buildings and Grounds

Brant Deichmann reported that the ramp, electrical, and concrete repair projects remain to be completed.

Fellowship – Easter Reception

Ellen Lindeen provided an update on plans for the reception following the Easter Vigil and the two receptions on Easter Day, with one after each service. Donations of food items for the receptions was requested.

Vision Committee

Amy Hoff noted that a meeting of the committee is scheduled for April. Items for discussion will include next steps, such as arranging small group meetings, with focus on what healing might look like at St. Michael's.

8. Rector's Report

Fr. Perkins provided an update on transition in the Preschool Director position; noted that Evensong was great; expressed gratitude to Fr. Osborne and Deacon Murray for the adult classes during Lent; commented on plans for Holy Week; and advised that there will be a baptism at the Easter Vigil. Also, Fr. Perkins noted the 'Conversation with a Counselor' opportunity on April 16, possible formation of a running club at St. Michael's, possible parish participation in this fall's Crop Walk, planning for a newcomers' group, the upcoming Vestry retreat, and plans for his attendance at the CREDO Conference in April.

9. Senior Warden's Report

Bill Ferry reported that he attended the recent Leadership Summit in Arlington Heights, at which much useful information was provided. He noted that the stewardship session was of particular interest and confirmed the need for St. Michael's stewardship initiative to be a priority.

10. Closing Prayer

Fr. Perkins offered the closing prayer.

11. Motion to Adjourn

Ellen Lindeen moved, and Sam Adams-Lanham seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Craig G. Anderson

Craig G. Anderson, Clerk