

St. Michael's Episcopal Church
Barrington, Illinois
Minutes of the Vestry Business Meeting
Vestry Retreat
Saturday, April 13, 2024, 1:30 p.m.
8039 N. Stone Farm Road, Edgerton, Wisconsin

Present: The Rev. Jesse Perkins (Rector), Bill Ferry (Senior Warden-2025), Marisa Boynton (2025), Brant Deichmann (2025), Ellen Lindeen (2025), Wes Kimes (2026), Lynn Mayberry (2026), Paul Carrubba (2027), Amy Hoff (2027),

Absent: Liz Gabis (Junior Warden-2025), Sam Adams-Lanham (2026), Jeff Tolle (2027), John Davis (Treasurer), Craig Anderson (Clerk)

1. Call to Order

There being a quorum present, Bill Ferry called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Paul Carrubba moved, and Lynn Mayberry seconded, that the minutes of the March 18, 2024, meeting of the Vestry be approved as presented. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

3. Financial Report

March 2024 Financial Statements

John Davis sent a message that there is nothing significant to report; everything is in order for year-to-date expectations. Fr. Perkins remarked that everything is tracking as normal.

Lynn Mayberry moved, and Paul Carrubba seconded, that the March 2024 Financial Statements be approved. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

4. Committee Reports

Little Angels Christian Preschool

Lynn Mayberry said the transition to the new Director, Karen Klaus, is going very well. The official meet-and-greet was Thursday, April 11. Everyone is very pleased and feels the Preschool will be in good hands. The official transfer of duties to Karen is June 1.

Amy Hoff asked if there are plans for the parish to meet Karen. Fr. Perkins answered that we have never done that before, but we can if the Vestry would like to.

A retirement party for Caren Hunter is scheduled for May 3. Ellen Lindeen asked if that information was in The Sword. Fr. Perkins answered that there is a request for video submissions in The Sword for Caren. Also, Fr. Perkins noted that Caren will be donating a caterpillar statue to the Preschool.

Following discussion, Bill Ferry moved, and Wes Kimes seconded, that Caren Hunter be given a \$1,000 bonus gift. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

Safety and Security

Lynn Mayberry stated that the committee will be sharing the workflow which has been created for 'Missing Child and Stranger in Church' with the Vestry at the May meeting.

Building and Grounds

Brant Deichmann reported that Kim Curtis has advised that there are not many projects underway at this time. He noted that a few items from the Sturtz House garage might be options for recycling. Also, there was repair of a door at the Preschool, for which the cost was \$800, and there remain some issues with the church water softener.

Fr. Perkins noted that the water softener at the rectory should be checked at the same time as the church water softener. Also, Fr. Perkins pays for the landscaping services at the rectory, which are arranged by Carol Hebert.

5. New Business

Adjacent Property for Sale

Fr. Perkins reported that St. Michael's has been contacted regarding possible interest in purchasing the residential property adjacent to the rectory. Although not yet on the market, St. Michael's was given the opportunity to look at the house and land.

Bill Ferry visited the property and noted that the house is in decent condition, the land is great, and the site is suitable as it is immediately adjacent to the rectory. The expected listing price is approximately \$300,000 to \$350,000. The house does have potential.

Fr. Perkins noted that St. Michael's has \$287,000 from the sale of the previous house. Possible uses for the house adjacent to the rectory were discussed at a parish staff meeting, including for Sunday school so that the Preschool, which currently has a waiting list for students, could use four classrooms in the atrium.

Paul Carrubba moved, and Ellen Lindeen seconded, that the Vestry approve funds for a home inspection to help determine the types and costs of work that might need to be done to make the property adjacent to the rectory suitable for use by St. Michael's. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

Fr. Perkins mentioned that he might have a family interested in possibly donating money to purchase the subject property. There might be a need to move forward quickly, with approvals via email. Sue and Bill Ferry will arrange the inspection.

Ellen Lindeen asked that if the house is not in good shape, is purchase worth it just for the land, and could it be turned into a green space? In response it was noted that something like that would require Village Board approval.

Amy Hoff advised that Caren Hunter had concerns about expanding the Preschool to include a pre-kindergarten program. Fr. Perkins noted that it will be Karen Klaus' decision moving forward. Bill Ferry asked if it can be arranged to see what kind of revenue could be achieved with the additional Preschool rooms.

6. Motion to Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Marisa Boynton

Marisa Boynton, Vestry Member