

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Barrington, Illinois

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of Monday, July 15, 2024

7:00 p.m. – Virtual

Present: Bill Ferry (Senior Warden-2025), Liz Gabis (Junior Warden-2025), The Rev. Tim Murray (Deacon), Marisa Boynton (2025), Sam Adams-Lanham (2026), Wes Kimes (2026), Lynn Mayberry (2026), Paul Carrubba (2027), Amy Hoff (2027), Jeff Tolle (2027), John Davis (Treasurer), Craig Anderson (Clerk)

Absent: Brant Deichmann (2025), Ellen Lindeen (2025)

Sabbatical: The Rev. Jesse Perkins (Rector)

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

There being a quorum present, Sr. Warden Bill Ferry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The opening prayer was offered jointly by the members of the Vestry.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

Vestry Meeting – June 17, 2024

Sam Adams-Lanham moved, and Lynn Mayberry seconded, that the minutes of the June 17, 2024, meeting of the Vestry be approved as presented. There being no objection, motion carried.

4. Financial Report – June 2024

Treasurer John Davis provided a summary overview of the year-to-date and June 2024 financial report. He noted Preschool revenue is less than anticipated due to a fewer number of Summer Camp days than in 2023 and a drop in attendance from 2023. Also, there were some unanticipated expenditures for Preschool area improvements and software needs.

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

5. New Business

Spending Limits Approval for Parish Administrator

Sr. Warden Bill Ferry reviewed the proposed spending limits revisions included in the Vestry meeting packet.

Treasurer John Davis noted that the revisions are reflective of increased costs, allow for additional discretion, and should decrease delay with respect to some spending decisions. Appropriate fiscal controls

remain in place. When emergency expenses do occur, they usually appear in information provided to the Vestry at its next meeting.

The Vestry discussed the proposal, with an opportunity for questions and comments.

Wes Kimes moved, and Sam Adams-Lanham seconded, that the proposed spending limit revisions pertaining to parish operations, building and grounds maintenance and improvements, and other projects, as presented in the Vestry meeting packet, be accepted and approved. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

St. Michael's Facilities Rental Policy Update

Sr. Warden Bill Ferry noted that there is need to clarify and simplify the policy for rental of St. Michael's facilities for extended use and one-time use. He advised that this endeavor is a work in progress and input from Vestry members is appreciated. Proposed changes to the existing policy will be brought to the Vestry for review and approval.

81st General Convention Update

Deacon Tim Murray presented information on some of the actions taken at the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church. He noted that the Episcopal News Service has some news briefs pertaining to the Convention.

Crop Walk Update

Jr. Warden Liz Gabis advised that this year's Crop Walk in Barrington will be on October 13, beginning at 1:00 p.m. This year's event will be the 42nd in Barrington. Its purpose is to raise funds to provide food and resources to address urgent needs, along with resources to help families feed themselves going forward.

Kick Off Sunday Update

Sr. Warden Bill Ferry asked that input regarding ideas and activities for this year's Kick Off Sunday be forwarded to Ellen Lindeen. Wes Kimes advised that a list of last year's projects is available from Theresa Halminiak, Parish Administrator.

Suggestions for this year's Kick Off Sunday include having a Ministry Fair and conversation with the Vision Team regarding St. Michael's focus on God's Healing.

6. Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds

Sr. Warden Bill Ferry advised that refinishing of the Rectory floors is on track for completion in early August.

2025 Stewardship Planning

Marisa Boynton noted that she will be attending a Diocesan seminar on August 10, focused on 'Time, Talent, and Treasurer'. The information from the seminar will be utilized to help revamp St. Michael's annual stewardship campaign.

Stewardship Sunday will be October 27, 2024. Assistance from a current Vestry member, whose term of office runs through 2025, is still needed.

Outreach

Sam Adams-Lanham reported that some Outreach grant recipients have expressed thanks to St. Michael's. Thanks also has been received from the Building Together services recipient.

7. Senior Warden's Report

None

8. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was offered by Deacon Tim Murray.

9. Motion to Adjourn

Marisa Boynton moved, and Liz Gabis seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Craig G. Anderson

Craig G. Anderson, Clerk