

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Barrington, Illinois

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of Monday, September 16, 2024

In Person - Community Room

Dinner – 6:30 p.m. / Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Present: The Rev. Jesse Perkins (Rector), Bill Ferry (Senior Warden-2025), Liz Gabis (Junior Warden-2025) – Virtual Attendance, Marisa Boynton (2025), Brant Deichmann (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: Ellen Lindeen (2025)

In Attendance: Karen Klaus, Director, Little Angels Christian Preschool; Dave Evans, Parishioner, Guatemala Mission Project; Kim Curtis, Facilities Manager & Sunday School Director

Note: In the interest of time stewardship, presentation and discussion of New Business items began at 6:50 p.m., during the period for dinner and prior to the Call to Order and Opening Prayer.

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

There being a quorum present, Sr. Warden Bill Ferry called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m. The opening prayer was offered jointly by the members of the Vestry.

2. Approval of Agenda

Lynn Mayberry requested the addition of Preschool to Committee Reports.

Paul Carrubba moved, and Lynn Mayberry seconded, that the agenda be approved as amended to add Preschool to Committee Reports. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Vestry Meeting – July 15, 2024

Paul Carrubba moved, and Marisa Boynton seconded, that the minutes of the July 15, 2024, meeting of the Vestry be approved as presented. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

4. Financial Report – August 2024

Treasurer John Davis reviewed the current overall fiscal picture for St. Michael's. He indicated that St. Michael's is pretty much at a break even point for the year to date, in part due to timing differences and monetary donations usually being slower at this time of year. The possibility of a significant increase in St. Michael's property insurance premium was discussed.

Amy Hoff moved, and Jeff Tolle seconded, that the August 2024 Financial Statements be approved as presented. Upon a voice vote: All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

5. New Business

Preschool

Karen Klaus, Little Angels Christian Preschool Director, shared information on her career and family, and provided an update on Preschool activities and functions since her appointment as Director. Karen noted she is learning, absorbing, and adjusting in her new position; loves sharing God's love; commented on administrative items; and offered recommendations for review.

Each Vestry member provided a brief self-introduction.

Guatemala Mission Project

Dave Evans, parishioner and lead for St. Michael's participation in the Guatemala Mission project, offered an update on planning for the trip, now scheduled for spring of 2025. Dave noted support from the Outreach Committee and reasons for St. Michael's participation in past trips. The primary focus of this mission project is to assist with the construction of homes for those in need. Fr. Perkins commented on his meaningful experience as member of the St. Michael's team during a past mission trip to Guatemala.

On Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., Greg and Rachael McGaha, directors of Porch de Salomon, will be present at St. Michael's Sturtz House to provide information regarding how our parish Outreach assistance is helping to address housing and food needs in Guatemala.

Sunday School

Kim Curtis, Facilities Manager & Sunday School Director, provided and reviewed information regarding St. Michael's Children's Ministry, including strategies to address needs associated with Sunday school growth and implementation of procedures and programs for the 2024-2025 school year.

During discussion, Kim noted that another teacher, more nursery workers, and additional volunteers would be helpful.

CROP Hunger Walk Update

On behalf of Jr. Warden Liz Gabis, whose virtual meeting connection was lost, most likely due to severe weather conditions, Sr. Warden Bill Ferry reiterated that this year's CROP Hunger Walk in Barrington will be on October 13, beginning at 1:00 p.m. 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. St. Michael's will have a team; more detailed information is included in The Sword.

6. Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds

Brant Deichman advised that whether there is need for some church building roof repairs is being reviewed.

2025 Stewardship Planning

Marisa Boynton reported that she is arranging to meet with St. Michael's clergy to finalize details for the stewardship program. Marisa noted that sharing of parish financial information earlier in the process is contemplated, focus is on St. Michael's as a place of God's healing, and making a tutorial available to persons who wish to make financial contributions on-line is being considered. Stewardship Sunday is scheduled for November 10, 2024.

Preschool

Lynn Mayberry noted that several physical improvements are proposed for the coming school year, including a more interactive outside play area, repair or replacement of the drinking fountain/water station, addition of a storage cabinet area, and replacement of the refrigerator.

7. Rector's Report

Fr. Jesse Perkins thanked the Vestry for supporting his sabbatical and noted some of his activities, including a pilgrimage and family trips. He also expressed appreciation to all who helped to keep St. Michael's running well during that time.

Fr. Perkins noted that there have been two weddings and three funerals within the past two months. He reviewed several administrative items; reported that the youth and music programs are going well; and commented on some possible upcoming items.

8. Sr. Warden's Report

Sr. Warden Bill Ferry reported that work is underway for the Ministry Fare on St. Michael's Day and reiterated the opportunity for participation in the upcoming CROP Hunger Walk in Barrington.

9. Closing Prayer

Fr. Perkins offered the closing prayer.

10. Motion to Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Craig G. Anderson

Craig G. Anderson, Clerk