

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Troy
Vestry Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2020

Meeting held: St. Mark's Parish Hall at 6PM

In attendance: The Rev. Curt Kennington, Judy Dye, Natalie Bryant, Diane Porter, Joanna Taylor, Adam Blackstock, Jordan Medeiros, Jean Orendorff, Ann Hart, Suzanne Price, and Kathy O'Masta

Devotion: Adam Blackstock

Meal: Adam Blackstock

Approval of minutes from vestry meeting held December 18, 2019

Motion: Suzanne Price

Second: Adam Blackstock

Vestry Business

Rector's Report: Bishop on Feb. 23rd for confirmation

Vestry taking on leadership roles in church: Ann Hart-grounds; Kathy O'Masta-memorial giving; Suzanne Price-food pantry; Jordan Medeiros-financial committee; Diane Porter and Joanna Taylor-hospitality;

Pastoral Report: Susan Anderson-gall bladder surgery; Stephen Cooper-completed radiation therapy; Phil Kelley-recovering from surgery; Mastersons have found a new church in Kansas; Medeiros family recovering from stomach virus; Ray Armstrong-visitation at Dillard's on Thursday 5-7 and funeral Friday at 11-he asked that memorials be made to St. Mark's Church in response to our hospitality to him; continuing to check on Donna Schubert, Dianna Lee, and Barbara Allison

Financial Report: Diane Porter

Year end packets passed out by treasurer:

first page is receipts 2018 actual to 2019 budget;

second and third pages are expenses; we are over total expenses by 7% but did remain within budgeted items pretty well;

we have been notified that property insurance is increasing \$1000.00 per year and the medical/life insurance costs are increasing \$140 per month \$188,630.00 is the most recent pledge amount for 2020

Discussion: paypal: fee of 30 cents per transaction in addition to a 2.9% fee; work was done to streamline the email notifications for donations as they come in

Sharon Denison is volunteering her time to work with our bookkeeping in QuickBooks and the rector is very thankful for the assistance, so she has been named the assistant treasurer

Jordan Medeiros brought to the vestry's attention the giving of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Birmingham to pay off medical debt.

Ann Hart pointed out that after the age of 72 individuals may give directly from an IRA to the church without any tax liability. She asked about our largest area of need currently. Rev. Kennington pointed out that building maintenance is a major need. Diane Porter discussed the separate account we have for building maintenance and grounds.

Jordan Medeiros discussed the need for deferred buildings and grounds funds to be addressed through the budget. The need for wiring in the church was discussed in particular.

Judy Dye discussed the need for a walk through the grounds of the church to develop a priority list. She also discussed Walter Givhan's suggestion of the need to develop a specialized list of giving requests rather than those coming up more frequently during the year.

Business:

1. Kathy O'Masta has been sending out acknowledgements for memorial giving and proposes removing memorial funds from the general fund into a dedicated memorial fund account beginning January 2020

Motion: Suzanne Price

Discussion: Ann Hart-Is it necessary to separate the funds into another account?

Rev. Kennington shared that it has been brought to his attention that the funds need a special designation.

Jordan Medeiros shared that it will be important to establish the purpose of the separate memorial fund and suggested that we explore how other parishes are handling memorial funds.

Rev. Kennington pointed out that the vestry and finance committee will have the responsibility for voting on how memorials are spent as well as decide what financial institution and fund type is best for the memorial fund

Second: Judy Dye

Motion Passed

2. Rev. Kennington pointed out that we are to be commended for a history of a 10% tithe to the diocese. He asked that we continue with a tithe for the 2020 year.

Motion: Judy Dye

Second: Suzanne Price

Motion Passed

Food Pantry:

Suzanne Price shared concern that Montgomery Area Food Bank may not be a good option for us due to driving time and a lack of canned fruits and vegetables.

Rev. Kennington points out the importance of our food pantry ministry for feeding the hungry of Troy

Junior Warden's Report: Natalie Bryant

As a result of a walk-through of the parish grounds the Junior Warden, Dan Dawson, and Nigel Purvis

Priority Items: Oak tree at parish hall, rectory gables, painting brown trim

Other Items: tree removals, roof leak at belltower, carpet/ceiling tiles in youth room; pine straw on side roof; refinish parish hall table

Judy Dye asked about lights that should be left on and doors that should be locked. Rev. Kennington mentioned that he walks the grounds frequently to check those things.

Next Meeting Date: February 12, 2020

Closing Prayer was offered