

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Troy  
Vestry Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2020

Meeting held: St. Mark's Rectory at 6PM

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

Devotion: Jean Orendorff

Meal: Jean Orendorff

Approval of minutes from vestry meeting held January 15, 2020

Motion: Suzanne Price

Second: Kathy O'Masta

Vestry Business

Financial Report: Diane Porter

Sharon Denison is working with Diane to move from QuickBooks to monthly spreadsheets that will be provided to vestry.

PayPal payments have been useful for memorial donations from those who are not members of St. Mark's. We are still looking for an option without a fee required. Jordan suggests continuing with PayPal for ease of use. Fr. Curt discussed the use of a Square to take debit card payments or sharing with members that if they are to pledge through PayPal or the Square that they may add the fee to the pledge if using one of those methods.

Diane discussed expenses that were paid ahead and behind including the diocesan pledge and buildings and grounds \$200.00 per month.

Diane is working with adjusting the check signing privileges and is trying to get in touch with TB&T to take care of updating to Judy, Natalie, Diane, and Joanna.

Kathy discussed moving the approximately \$2000.00 in the memorial account to another account. Ann shared that those donating are appreciative of receiving a card of thanks sent by Kathy. Kathy shared details about accounts available from Troy Bank and Trust, First Cahaba Bank, All In Credit Union, and Regions Bank. Suzanne discussed simply opening a checking account, and Fr. Curt asked about a money market account.

Ann suggested that the Not for Profit checking account without a fee from Troy Bank and Trust be used for the Non-Designated Memorial Fund.

Motion: Jordan Medeiros

Second: Suzanne Price

Passed

Fr. Curt stated that we have withdrawn our application from VanGuard. He shared information from Wells Fargo Advisors, Edward Jones, and Jay Shirley, CPA to invest the \$12,000.

Fr. Curt proposed working with Wells Fargo Advisors due to locally operated and low annual fee. The only requirement is an IPS that guides the parameters for investing. Fr. Curt provided to the vestry a sample IPS and a guide to developing one for St. Mark's. Fr. Curt further suggested letting the finance committee work to develop the IPS.

Ann proposed Brett Chipser who invests for several local people. His office is in Destin, but he comes to Troy frequently. Ann will gather information from him during the next week.

Jordan cautioned that money managers may not be the best group to work with because of where their profits originate.

Diane discussed rounding the amount we have up to an even \$12,000 to invest.

Motion: Jordan Medeiros

Second: Suzanne Price

Passed

#### Junior Warden's Report: Natalie Bryant

Tree removal is pending, because the company coming to look into removing the tree was not able to come this week with the heavy rain. The city has determined that the tree is not theirs to remove.

The window project is set to begin in March along with painting and refurbishment of the Sunday School areas. Caleb will be contacted to share that information with Ann and others on the vestry.

Ann is continuing to work around the parish hall door removing rose bushes and around the property to look at fertilization needs. David Darnell asked about planting rye grass around the property next winter but discussion did not support that look. Ann discussed cleaning out and beautifying the memorial garden as well. The straw bale garden is also a work in progress. Judy thanked Charles and Ann Hart for the beautiful Celtic cross in the Pine Street garden. Fr. Curt further thanked Jordan and David for placing the heavy cross in the bed.

Natalie discussed the gables on the rectory. She called a name Suzanne provided, but he decline. Natalie is going to call another person about working with the gables.

Senior Warden's Report: Judy Dye  
No report at this time.

Rector's Report:

Report:

Blessed community is our theme for the Lenten series. Fr. Curt shared that several community groups will come and present opportunities to serve our community.

Bishop Russell is coming to confirm nine candidates on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. He will meet with the whole parish to discuss confirmation and go to the jail ministry following confirmation. A reception will be held for those being confirmed following the Eucharist. He met with campus ministry students at St. Mark's a few weeks ago as well.

Interim of Sellers working in the office is nearing an end, so there is a job description being created as we look for a new parish administrator. Sellers has offered to train the person hired permanently. The vestry thanks Sellers for her service and commitment to St. Mark's.

Hospitality:

Fr. Curt shared that we have upcoming: confirmation reception, Shrove Tuesday suppers, and Lenten suppers.

Food Pantry:

Suzanne shared that the Montgomery Area Food Bank has more of the items we need, and we are placing our first order soon.

Next Meeting Date: March 11, 2020

Closing Prayer was offered