

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Troy
Vestry Meeting Minutes
July 29, 2020
6:00 PM in St. Mark's Parish Hall

Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen 1 Peter 4:11

Proclamation – Joel Williams' nomination for Diocesan Lay Leadership Training

Members in attendance: Judy Dye, Natalie Bryant, Diane Porter, Joanna Taylor, Suzanne Price, Jordan Medeiros, Kathy Omasta, Adam Blackstock, Ann Hart, Jean Orendorff

Approval of minutes of July 15, 2020 (handout)

Motion: Jordan Medeiros

Second: Kathy Omasta

Motion Passed

Announcements & Miscellaneous Business

- Vestry Contact Information
 - Note change in Kathy's information—no land line
 - Judy will email updated vestry contact information
- Signing thank-you cards for Claire Taylor and Chase Taylor
- Services
 - Morning Prayer, August 2, led by Joyce Landers, with music by John Jinright—St. Mark's Facebook Bulletin posted on St. Mark's website.
 - Compline, August 9, led by Chase Taylor, with music by John Jinright. Volunteers needed if we wish to continue Compline. Facebook & time
 - Suzanne suggested that a set schedule be developed, so that we will know when to expect Compline on St. Mark's Facebook
- Volunteer Office Coordinator—Cheryl Purvis
 - Hours: Monday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - Cheryl will be in the office working, but the office is not open to visitors. The phone message has been updated accordingly.
 - We are continuing to search for a parish administrator to hire. Judy Dye will look into how we will interview and hire once someone is found
- Security Check Rotation (handout)
 - Each evening a church member will walk the grounds of the church to check for any issues.
- St. Mark's Directory (handout)

Junior Warden's Report

- Some of those doing the evening rotation will flush the parish hall toilet intermittently to keep it working well

Food Pantry Report – Suzanne Price

- Bags are donated each week to the Boys and Girls Club and to CHCHC; the weight of each bag was dropped due to shortages at the Montgomery Area Food Bank
- Now that Cheryl will be in the office 2 days per week, a motion is made to have someone available to give out food to anyone dropping by from 9-12 on Monday-Thursday.
 - Motion—Jordan Medeiros
 - Second—Adam Blackstock
 - Motion passed
- Suzanne is considering purchasing a freezer to allow us to give out frozen meat from the food bank

Security Committee Report – Jordan Medeiros, Chair

- Looking for additional volunteers that know the church campus and are familiar with technological possibilities for security
- Committee is looking to add cameras: Ring or Nest at strategic spots
- Committee will explore lighting; flood lights on a timer will be added
- Estimated costs seem to be \$750 – 1000 dollars with a small monthly fee

Rectory Readiness Committee – Judy Dye

- Deb Davis, Chair
Deb will form a committee to assist in taking care of the following:
 - Window coverings ~ Kenningtons left some window coverings. Deb has measured and will purchase inexpensive coverings for the other windows.
 - Basic furniture in the event that Rev Nanny needs use of the rectory.
 - For the time being, a lamp on a timer is in the rectory.

Communications Committee Information

- Membership
 - Donna Schubert, Chair
 - Penelope Dawson
 - TBD
- Responsibilities
 - Administering website and Facebook – Donna
 - Preparing and sending e-communications – Penelope Dawson
 - Maintaining parish contact information & creating directories – Donna and Penelope

Moving Forward at St. Mark's

- Rev. Nanny—is ready to negotiate. We've notified Fr. Massey Gentry and are awaiting word from him. Will phone him tomorrow if he hasn't responded.
 - How would we like for her to serve us? Suggestions for the following topics were discussed, and Judy welcomed suggestions to be emailed to her following the meeting as well.
 - Services:
 - Time on site:
 - Office hours
 - Can we discuss financial issues at this point? We do not have an expected pay schedule. Fr. Massey Gentry will help with this.
 - Welcoming Rev. Nanny: ideas were discussed including small group gatherings outside
- Fr. Massey mentioned recently that we'd complete a self-study and parish profile and form a search committee in the fall.
- Christian Education for Fall

- We need ideas & personnel: Judy asked that we begin thinking about possibilities
 - We have a Zoom account for St. Mark's. For Christian Education; Canterbury Club and vestry meetings.
 - Avie Medeiros has ideas she will share
- Small-group gatherings for St. Mark's: discussion about outside gatherings and possible in person worship; Judy will look at forming committees for moving forward with worship and responsible social gatherings

Questions and Suggestions

- Time for an audit to begin; Diane will use last year's audit committee
- Jordan—suggested sharing more information about interim priest and that this search will take longer; a search committee will not be formed until later in the fall;
- Judy plans to mail a detailed letter to the parish family regarding transition
- Adam offered to create a gmail account for the vestry that will allow people to send suggestions
- Jordan also suggested that a vestry member be on the communications committee

Next Meeting – August 12, 2020

Closing Prayer

Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for the parish of St. Mark's. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21