

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Troy  
Vestry Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2020

Meeting held: St. Mark's Parish Hall at 6:00 PM

In attendance: Judy Dye, Natalie Bryant, Diane Porter, Ann Hart, Joanna Taylor, Jordan Medeiros, Jean Orendorff, Suzanne Price, and Kathy Omasta

Opening Prayer and Devotional was offered by Judy Dye

Special Report: Electronics Upgrade—Chase Taylor

Chase explained that we need internet in the nave to have streaming work well for Sunday services as well as for the overall workings of the parish including the possibility of security cameras and phone systems moving forward. He proposes adding wifi to the parish hall, nave, office, and Seabury house by running fiber connections and related hardware for an installation cost of \$3800.00. The internet from Troy Cable would be for the same one monthly internet service fee for the whole church campus.

Approval of minutes from vestry meeting held 8-12-20

Motion: Suzanne Price

Second: Jordan Medeiros

Minutes Approved

Vestry Business

Senior Warden's Report:

Shared pastoral concerns of the parish.

Judy Dye will have a Zoom meeting with Bishop Russell and other parishes without a priest to discuss returning to in person worship perhaps by the first Sunday in October.

Thanks was given to the security team for checking the building in the evenings.

Suzanne Price shared the concern that the organ speaker stand near the front door is not finished

Motion—Joanna Taylor—We return to in person worship for Morning Prayer with social distancing and masks and reservations of up to 30 people through Cheryl beginning Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

Second—Natalie Bryant

Motion discussion---Judy suggested beginning September 20<sup>th</sup>

Diane suggested waiting until the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in October for Eucharist and a more celebratory return to worship; Diane suggested that we count people and move those who cannot be seated safely inside to the lawn or parish hall rather than a reservation system

Final Motion: We will send out an email blast announcing the return to in person worship on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to attend. Masks and social distancing will be followed to include moving parishioners to the grounds of the church if too many come to safely distance in the nave. We will actively seek a supply priest for Eucharist the first Sunday in October.

Motion Passed

Financial Report: Diane Porter

Discussion of costs of internet, additional live streaming equipment, and the roof as well as savings from not currently paying a rector or parish administrator.

Motion—Jordan Medeiros: Install internet at the cost of approximately \$3800.00 to the nave, Seabury House, and parish hall

Second—Joanna Taylor

Motion Discussion—We can pay the electrical upgrades and still have the necessary money to pay \$4000 or less for internet installation

Motion Passed

Junior Warden's Report: Natalie Bryant

Discussion of completed projects from the maintenance list and roof repairs.

Food Pantry Report: Suzanne Price

Food Pantry at Seabury House is now open Monday-Thursday

Montgomery Area Food Bank is very helpful to keep the pantry stocked at lower cost

Suzanne is working to increase foot traffic at the food pantry at Seabury

There is also a project underway to provide snacks to needy children at school

Memorial Committee Report: Kathy Omasta

Kathy Omasta distributed a copy of suggested Memorial Fund procedures for the vestry to review before voting at the next meeting. Diane Porter suggested consolidating all memorial funds into a single account to reduce account fees.

Motion—Suzanne Price--close the smaller account to avoid fees

Second—Jordan Medeiros

Motion Passed

Moving Forward at St. Mark's

Clergy---Massey is offering regular supply priest without a long term agreement; the vestry is going to ask Massey to continue looking for an interim for St. Mark's

Motion—Suzanne Price

Second—Joanna Taylor

We will ask Massey to continue searching for an interim both in our diocese and outside of our diocese and are open to long term supply as well

Christian Education for Fall—plans are underway

Stewardship Campaign---Walter Givhan will lead the campaign

Rally Day---committee to plan: Joanna Taylor, Kathy Omasta, Suzanne Price

Search committee—the vestry will elect the committee soon

Next Meeting Date: October 14, 2020

Closing Prayer was offered