

St. Mark's Episcopal Church—Troy, Alabama
Vestry Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2022
Parish Hall
5:00 PM

Those in attendance: Fr. Mike, Donna Schubert, Judy Dye, Jordan Medeiros, Sharon Denison, Caleb Dawson, Diane Porter, Karl Pollack via phone, and Joanna Taylor

Devotional: Fr. Michael Schwarte

Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting

Motion: Donna Schubert

Second: Jordan Medeiros

Motion Passed

Priest's Report – Fr. Schwarte

- Vestry leadership appointments: Donna Schubert – Senior Warden; Diane Porter – Treasurer
- Plans to recognize outgoing and incoming vestry members during church on January 16th
- Altar Guild meeting after church on January 16th
- Inquirer's Class for the month of February on Wednesday evenings
- Diocesan Convention February 17-19: Delegates Joyce Landers, Donna Schubert and Caleb Dawson (alternate will attend in Catie Strickland's absence)
- Shrove Tuesday supper March 1st
- Ash Wednesday March 2nd at 6 PM
- Bishop Russell's visit with confirmation on Wednesday, March 9th
- Vestry will meet Tuesday, March 8th
- Soup and Lenten Sung Evening Prayer Service on Wednesdays beginning March 16th
- Administrative Assistant interviews begin Thursday, January 13th
- EYC will do a service project January 29th from 1-3 working on a parishioner's lawn

Treasurer's Report – Diane Porter

- HVAC installation has been paid
- Rectory windows have been installed and will be paid from regular checking
- Annual Budget was reviewed for 2021
 - Excel Reports Attached
- Priest's discretionary fund will now be kept in general checking account
- 36 pledging units for \$170,644.00 of the \$180,000.00 goal
- 2022 budget will hopefully be available in February for consideration/approval

Senior Warden's Report – Donna Schubert

- Election of Junior Warden
 - Joanna Taylor nominated by Donna Schubert
 - Second – Judy Dye
 - Motion Passed
- Election of the Clerk
 - Sharon Denison nominated by Donna Schubert
 - Second – Jordan Medeiros
 - Motion Passed
- Committees for 2022
 - Standing Committee

- Executive Committee: priest, senior warden, junior warden, and treasurer
- Finance Committee: Diane Porter and those who would like to join
- Stewardship Committee: Walter Givhan and those who would like to join
- Annual Committee
 - Liturgical Committee – Priest, senior warden, junior warden, choir director, organist, streaming technology coordinator, liturgical volunteer assignment coordinator, altar guild chair, member at large (Curt Porter)
 - Buildings and Grounds – Junior Warden
 - Memorials – Kathy Omasta with Caleb Dawson
 - Jail Ministry – Judy Dye
 - Campus Ministry – Caleb Dawson considering it
 - Food Pantry – Jordan Medeiros
 - Christian Education and Youth Activities – Joanna Taylor
 - Hospitality – Sharon Denison
 - Welcome and Visitors – Diane Porter
- Short-term ad-hoc Committees
 - Priest’s COVID-19 advisory committee: Elizabeth Dawson, Frances Givhan, Avie Medeiros, Curt Porter
 - Vestry Nominating Committee – forming Fall of 2022
- Discussion of Realm data entry and updating
- Discussion of working on a calendar for church events, reports, and services

Junior Warden’s Report

- Ceiling tiles above chancel
- The organ speaker screen is about 50% complete. Caleb did not identify a specific completion date. Vestry members volunteered to help.

Committee Reports

- Fr. Mike’s COVID advisory committee notes
 - Encouraging meeting overall
 - Online services applauded
 - Asked to do the best for the least fortunate
 - Some asking for masks mandatory
 - Some discussion of suspending services
 - Fr. Mike spoke to Greenville, Nativity, Holy Cross, St. John’s, and Epiphany priests: most are masks optional and doing services and hospitality
 - Fr. Mike will continue to strongly encourage masking

Other Business

Donna Schubert asked for any feedback on the agenda format or meeting overall

Discussion about approving minutes via email: a week to review; resend with corrections after one week for motion, second, and approval; discussion to publish a more general statement; discussion about posting the agenda

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: February 9, 2022