

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

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

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

Approval of minutes of July 29, 2020 Meeting – minutes approved via email – discuss procedure going forward.

Announcements & Miscellaneous Business – Judy Dye & vestry members

Thanks for your warm welcome for The Rev. Nanny and for your “Getting to Know Us” presentations. We’re awaiting word from The Rev Canon Massey Gentry as to our next move.

Worship Opportunities

Morning Prayer, August 16, led by Walter Givhan—on St. Mark’s Facebook page at 9:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer, August 23, led by Curt Porter ~ on St. Mark’s Facebook page at 9:30 a.m.

Organist—John Jinright

Technology assistant—Chase Taylor

Bulletin posted on St. Mark’s webpage and on Facebook.

Update to St. Mark’s Directory

Workshop Opportunity:

Truth, Healing, Justice: Three-part Series with Catherine Meeks, PhD: Sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast Commission on Racial Justice & Reconciliation

Session 1: August 12 – Truth

Session II: August 19 – Healing

Session III: August 26 – Justice

For more information and registration: www.diocgc.org/post/truth-healing-justice

Items of Interest from “What’s Happening”

John Jinright will play our favorite hymns and post them on Facebook. jjinrig@troy.edu

Saturday, August 15 ~ 11:00 am. Jonathan Myrick Daniels and the Martyrs of Alabama on line Pilgrimage www.dioala.org/jonathandaniels

Please read “What’s Happening” each week. Thanks to Penelope Dawson for producing it.

Other Announcements

Treasurer’s Report – Diane Porter

Financial report—There was discussion about the differences moving forward in pension, retirement, and insurance with supply priests or interim priest as compared to a full time clergy member

Procedure for purchasing—the small amount in the rector’s discretionary fund was written into the general account to zero out the account when Fr. Curt left; discussion took place about the senior and junior warden approving and notifying the treasurer about any spending of discretionary funds from the general account until a full time priest is in place.

Motion: Jordan Medeiros

Second: Suzanne Price
Motion Approved

The treasurer suggested that the person responsible for each area of the budget (i.e. buildings and grounds or hospitality) must approve spending from that line item. Jordan commented that we need a well-developed plan to document that the person in charge of each line item approved spending from that area. The plan will be worked on and presented to the vestry at a later date.

The remaining PPP loan amount being used to possibly repair the electrical issues with the building was briefly discussed as was the roof repair that is needed.

Junior Warden's Report - Natalie Patterson

St. Mark's maintenance walk-through was thoroughly conducted, and thanks were given for that. A list will be sent out to the parish via email regarding the findings of the walk through and volunteer opportunities. The roof repair needs will be added to the list before sending out.

Proposal by Dan Dawson and Nigel Purvis regarding the church's electrical needs was shared with the vestry. Jordan Medeiros expressed concerns that the electrical needs have not been addressed to date. He discussed using PPP loan funds to take care of much needed repairs to the electrical system and roof.

Suzanne Price suggested that we seek a low interest loan from the diocese to fund the repairs rather than using the PPP loan funds and the existing investment fund.

Diane Porter reminded the vestry that we will need to plan as a vestry how to use the PPP funds. We will also have budget savings from not having a full time priest that may cover the cost of the electrical repairs in only a few months.

The vestry will secure estimates for electrical and roof repair. The finance committee will then give the vestry a recommendation.

Food Pantry Report - Suzanne Price

2000 pounds of food as well as hand sanitizer for the elementary school was picked up this week from the Montgomery Area Food Bank.

Moving Forward at St. Mark's

Christian Education for Fall—It was suggested we start back in September through Zoom or Google Meet.

We still need leaders for children's Christian Education.

Karl and Jessica Pollack are considering how to best serve the youth.

Joel & Teri Williams and Catherine Allard will lead adult formation—however it can be managed.

Small-group gatherings for St. Mark's - Ann Hart

Frances Givhan, Curt Porter, and Ann have been discussing options for worship at St. Mark's. The ideas won't be implemented until it is deemed safe to do so. Ideas are being discussed to worship outside on the grounds of St. Mark's in small groups. Once we have worship plans solidified, social small group meetings may be discussed. One idea is to draw 8 feet or larger circles 8 feet away from each other on the lawn of St. Mark's. 15-20 people could gather at one time this way for Evening Prayer or other simple services. The church office could take reservations for a service date and time during the week to accommodate all that want to gather but in groups of a safe size.

Holding a drive by blessing of the back packs was mentioned and a plan will be formed and shared.

Devotional

Next Meeting - September 9, 2020 - 6:00 Meeting place to be determined.

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

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Motion passed