

The Episcopal Parish Church of Saint Michael & All Angels

3233 Pacific View Drive
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The Rev. Susan Pinkerton, Interim Priest in Charge

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting Tuesday, July 13, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rector – the Rev. Susan Pinkerton
Senior Warden – Louise Stover
Junior Warden – Jim Palda
Christian Education – Anne Conover
Ombudsperson – Steve Morris
Treasurer – Jan Faller

The Rev. Barbara Stewart
Fellowship – Gail Haghjoo
Clerk – Susan Brown
Mission – Mary Bailey
Stewardship -- Keith Lumpkin
Communications – Clyde Dodge

Missing:

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Fellowship – Gail Haghjoo
Communications – Clyde Dodge

Treasurer – Jan Faller
Buildings & Grounds – empty
Evangelism – empty

1. Opening prayer
 - 1.1 The meeting opened with prayer at 5:35 p.m. Because of the small attendance, discussion ensued about forgoing Vestry meetings in future summers.
 - 1.2 The Dwelling on the Word covered Romans 8:26-28 on the Spirit interceding in prayers.
2. Matters of General Consent
 - 2.1 Reports of commissions
 - 2.1.1 Commission reports and the minutes of June 8, 2021, were accepted.
 - 2.1.2 Mary Bailey expressed a need to rebuild the choir.
3. Reports of Officers
 - 3.1 Interim Priest in Charge (Susan Pinkerton, or SP+)
 - 3.1.1 SP+ has put in a second request with the diocese to reconcile the discrepancy on the size of St. Michael's contribution to the mission share fund.

- 3.1.2 SP+ has set up a meeting with Father Paul at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11, to review St. Monica's facilities agreement. She asks the Vestry to attend.
- 3.1.3 With input from the wardens, SP+ and Maile Jansen have revised the facilities agreement and ensured proper insurance coverage.
- 3.1.4 Logistical challenges led the Vestry to decline an opportunity to pick grapes in a small vineyard in Garden Grove for delivery to a food bank. They suggested Second Harvest as a more suitable non-profit.

3.2 Senior Warden (Louise Stover)

- 3.2.1 The finance committee has asked for estimates to refurbish the parking lot. The biggest liability, however, remains the uneven patio walkways. Ripping up and replacing the walkways would have the added benefit of allowing the laying of wifi cable.
- 3.2.2 The newly revamped Messenger appears to be easier to read. Anyone with submissions should send them by 9 a.m. on Tuesdays to michele.mccarthy@stmikescdm.org, with a copy to SP+.

3.3 Junior Warden (Jim Palda)

- 3.3.1 On behalf of Jan Faller, Jim Palda reported that finances are on trend. As usual in the summer, pledges have slacked off a bit.

3.4 Ombudsperson (Steve Morris) – no issues

3.5 Clerk (Susan Brown) – no issues

4. New Business

- 4.1 The Vestry filled out the MMR section on facilities (see accompanying document).

5. Old Business

5.1 The transition committee met with Father Thomas D. Quijada-Discavage, the diocesan canon for Formation and Transition Ministry. Ninety people responded to the committee's survey, adapted from questions provided by the diocese.

5.2 Now that Verizon wants to upgrade its equipment on the church property to 5G, Mark Peterson has recommended to Louise Stover a consultant on what issues to consider. Although Verizon is considering an equipment swap, St. Michael's may ask for more because the Verizon equipment has caused roof leaks.

5.3 SP+ added that we need to address deferred maintenance around the campus and especially in the gym, because we use that for revenue streams. Louise Stover will set a date for a meeting on maintenance.

5.4 On behalf of Keith Lumpkin, Louise Stover described the challenges of framing the narrative budget to suit our congregation and allocating all the church activities to the different aspects of any given frame. After reviewing several possibilities, the Vestry decided on the example of the parish that divides its ministry areas according to the activities “serve,” “worship,” “grow,” and “connect.”

5.5 Steve Morris has gone line by line through about half of the bylaws. Where they refer to diocesan canons or state law, he is checking the original references to ensure the accuracy of the bylaws. So far, he said, the bylaws look sound.

6. Concluding benediction

6.1 The Vestry concluded with the prayer at 6:57 p.m.