

The Episcopal Parish Church of Saint Michael & All Angels

3233 Pacific View Drive
Corona del Mar, CA 92625

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton, Interim Priest in Charge

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting, via Zoom Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rector – the Rev. Susan Pinkerton	Communications – Clyde Dodge
The Rev. Barbara Stewart	Junior Warden – Jim Palda
Senior Warden – Louise Stover	Treasurer – Jan Faller
Clerk – Susan Brown	Ombudsperson – Steve Morris
Christian Education – Anne Conover	Mission – Mary Bailey
Stewardship – Keith Lumpkin	Fellowship – Gail Haghjoo

Diocesan guests – Andy Tomat and the Rev. Susan Stanton

Buildings & Grounds – empty

Evangelism – empty

1. Opening prayer
 - 1.1 Steve Morris opened with the Dwelling in the Word, Mark 10:23-31, the passage on the eye of the needle.
2. Matters of General Consent
 - 2.1 Minutes of the meeting of Sept. 14 were accepted as revised.
 - 2.2 Reports of commissions from Missions and Christian Education were accepted.
 - 2.3 Upcoming parish events include the following:
 - 10/3 The Blessing of the Animals, which will follow the format of previous years
 - 10/31 The Parade of Saints by the children of the parish
 - 11/7 Praying our Goodbyes at 4 p.m.
 - 11/13 and 11/14 The Diocesan Convention
 - 11/14 Stewardship Sunday
3. New Business – Mission Share Fund
 - 3.1. Diocesan Treasurer Andrew Tomat and the Rev. Susan Stanton explained the Mission Share Fund.
 - 3.2. The Mission Share Fund represents roughly half of the diocesan spending, although the diocese is working on a budget that will consolidate its three separate sources of income. The other two are the corporation of the diocese, or the board of directors governing investments,

- endowment, and plant; and “corporation sole,” an archaic way of passing along property to the church. Much of the money collected in the Mission Share Fund goes back to churches.
- 3.3. In past years, when the budget has fallen short, the church has sold property to make ends meet, but Bishop Taylor opposes this painful and divisive practice. The diocese has also balanced its budget by selling stocks in its endowment.
 - 3.4. Giving to the LA diocese rose 4.8 percent in 2019 and 1 percent in 2020 and is on track to rise 4.7 percent to as much as 10 percent this year.
 - 3.5. Since 1996, the church has asked parish churches to contribute 15 percent of their total normal operating income and 12 percent at a minimum. The 12 percent requirement was reaffirmed in 2011.
 - 3.6. According to St. Michael’s 2020 budget, 12 percent of our normal operating income amounts to roughly \$60,000. By that reckoning, we should be increasing our monthly payment of \$3,333 by \$1,666.
 - 3.7. Andy Tomat recommended being frank with the congregation about the Mission Share Fund. He also invited the Vestry to the Zoom deanery meeting Oct. 30 to discuss the budget.
4. Reports of Officers
 - 4.1 Interim Priest in Charge (Susan Pinkerton, or SP+)
 - 4.1.1 The visit by Bishop Taylor went well. The Fellowship commission deserves big kudos. At least 50 people ate, and as many as 60 may have attended.
 - 4.1.2 Father Paul has provided specific dates when St. Monica’s wants to use the facilities. After Susan Caldwell and Maile Jensen check for any potential conflicts, we will sign the facilities agreement.
 - 4.2 Senior Warden (Louise Stover)
 - 4.2.1 Negotiations with Verizon are moving ahead on both interior and exterior roof repairs.
 - 4.3 Junior Warden - Jim Palda
 - 3.3.1 Gordon Preschool, a licensed facility operating in a home in Corona del Mar, is interested in renting a room for 10 months for 3-to-5-year olds. Given the constraints on our facilities from St. Monica’s and Harbor Day School, the lack of a full-time rector, and the difficulty of getting licensing for our building, Jim Palda opposes moving ahead at this point but does not rule it out in the future.
 - 4.4 Ombudsperson – Steve Morris
 - 4.4.1 Many thanks to the Fellowship Commission for organizing the festivities around the bishop’s visit.
 - 4.5 Clerk – Susan Brown – no comments
 5. Finance commission (Jan Faller)

5.1 No report. The finance commission will not meet in October unless there is reason.

6. Old Business

6.1 The parish profile appears to be finished, but a draft has not been circulated.

6.2 Stewardship and narrative budget. Keith Lumpkin divided the activities among the activities in the narrative budget, and the categories came out pretty evenly. He needs narrative or bullet points from each commission by Oct. 5 for the pie chart so that the stewardship campaign can ask for specific sums. Wayne Hastings will pull together an attractive presentation.

6.3 The Vestry nominating committee will meet Oct. 12 at the regular Vestry meeting time to consider potential new members for the Vestry.

7. Concluding prayer

7.1 Susan Pinkerton concluded the Vestry meeting at 7 p.m. with a prayer from Thomas Merton.