

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 Zoom Vestry Meeting Feb. 8, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rector – the Rev. Susan Pinkerton
The Rev. Barbara Stewart
Treasurer – Jan Faller
Clerk – Susan Brown
Christian Education – Anne Conover
Stewardship – Keith Lumpkin

Senior Warden – Louise Stover
Junior Warden – Jim Palda
Communications – Clyde Dodge
Ombudsperson – Steve Morris
Mission – Mary Bailey

Absent – Gail Haghjoo (Fellowship)

Buildings & Grounds – empty
Evangelism – empty

1. Opening
 - 1.1. Prayer by Susan Pinkerton opened the meeting at 5:34 p.m.
 - 1.2. The Dwelling in the Word, led by Jan Faller, came from Matthew 4:1-11 on the temptation of Jesus.
2. Matters of General Consent
 - 2.1 Minutes of the Vestry meeting of Jan. 11 were accepted as corrected. Per the minutes, Keith Lumpkin sets the pledge goal to be presented at the annual meeting at \$270,000.
 - 2.2 Reports of commissions were accepted. Susan Pinkerton, Barbara Stewart, and Mary Bailey will be able to go to Mom's OC in March as part of mission outreach. The parish should be able to provide a few of the \$80 car seats that Mom's OC needs.
 - 2.3 Upcoming Parish Events
 - 2.3.1 The annual meeting will be held both in-person and on Zoom after the worship service on Feb. 13. Ali Haghjoo, Wayne Hastings, and Brooke Pauley have agreed to monitor the Zoom feed, and Brooke will handle any questions. A coffee hour will follow for those attending in person.
 - 2.3.2 Beginning March 9, the Wednesday night soup suppers will feature the program *Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent*. A Zoom option will be available. Different parish groups will provide soup, with the Vestry scheduled on April 6.

3. Finance Commission Report (Jan Faller)

3.1 Budget review for annual meeting

3.1.1 The financial report for January shows nothing unusual. Expenses have not risen, and some pledges have been prepaid.

3.1.2 For the annual meeting, Jan will present talking points to the congregation and on Zoom to explain how the fortunate circumstances of the 2021 budget will not continue. The new budget is expected to have a \$37,000 shortfall, which the Vestry approved because of the build-up of reserves. In the future, the new rector will draw more salary, and the largest users of the facilities will be leaving.

3.1.3 A group is coalescing to consider how to replace this income, perhaps through creative use of the parish facilities.

4. Old Business

4.1. Revised bylaws. The diocese's approval of our changes to the parish bylaws is pending. Although the bylaws still in effect call for a quorum of 75 for the annual meeting, we will hold the meeting in good faith.

4.2. Verizon repairs. After the storm damaged the ceiling in the gym, Louise Stover got an estimate for repairs. Within two weeks, the work was done, and the groups who use the gym could return. Verizon is now undertaking a three-week job to upgrade the towers to 5G. The contractor will return afterward to see if any work needs to be done.

4.3. Stewardship. By the end of January, we had received more than \$45,000 in pledges toward the total of \$272,000 for the year. A third of last year's pledges dropped out, but eight new pledges came in. A few of those people who have not yet returned are waiting for the end of the mask mandate.

5. Reports of Officers

5.1 Interim Priest in Charge (Susan Pinkerton)

5.1.1 Maile and other staff members have put down on the calendar all the events scheduled for 2022 as a way of heading off potential conflicts. Vestry members are encouraged to let Maile know of their events, or even their plans, if they need to hold a date.

5.1.2 Annual reviews and staff job descriptions are complete. Maile is making sure all personnel files are in shape for the new rector.

5.1.3 The rector search committee has been commissioned.

5.1.4 Seven prayer shawls have been given away, many to non-members.

5.1.5 The parish may distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday. Ashes to Go also offers them.

5.1.6 The diocese will allow wine to be served again beginning on Easter but has not settled on how to do that.

5.2 Senior Warden (Louise Stover)

5.2.1 For Random Acts of Kindness Week, Louise will lead a Tuesday at Mike's discussion on what is kindness. The communications group will send out prayers, suggestions, and other prompts for starting conversation.

5.2.2 The Shrovetide Pancake Breakfast will follow the last Sunday service before Lent.

5.3 Junior Warden - Jim Palda

5.3.1 Sunday attendance is running around 60 people, counting in person and Zoom. The children number five to 12. That total is down maybe three or four from last year.

5.4 Ombudsperson – Steve Morris

5.4.1 Wayne is doing well with the communications. Steve would like to be part of the group considering how to deal with finances in the future, because the issue is so important. He suggests that Jan put out a call for volunteers at the annual meeting.

5.5 Clerk – Susan Brown

5.5.1 Susan Brown will take the notes at the annual meeting.

6. New business

6.1 Vote on nominees for delegates to the diocesan convention

6.1.1 The slate consists of Beth Bianchi, Brooke Pauley, Don Sheetz, and Sue Ahearn as an alternate. Jan Faller moves to accept them, Jim Palda seconds. The motion carries without objection.

7. Concluding prayer by Barbara Stewart at 6:33 p.m.