

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 August 9, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rector – the Rev. Susan Pinkerton
Senior Warden - Louise Stover
Evangelism – Clyde Dodge
Communications – Brooke Pauley
Mission – Mary Bailey
Buildings & Grounds - Don Sheetz

The Rev. Barbara Stewart
Junior Warden – Jim Palda
Finance – Stacie Tibbetts
Clerk – Colette Spence
Fellowship – Gail Haghjoo

Absent

Christian Education – Kim Montgomery
Stewardship – Keith Lumpkin
Ombudsperson – Steve Morris

1. Opening

1.1 Prayer by Susan Pinkerton+ opened the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

1.2 The Dwelling in the Word, led by Clyde Dodge, came from Matthew 6:25-34, The Sermon on the Mount. A discussion among the vestry about what stands out and what it means to us followed the reading.

2. Matters of General Consent

2.1 Minutes of the Vestry meeting of July 12th needed some corrections. Corrections made on 8-10-22 by Colette.

2.2 Reports of commissions were accepted. There were no questions or comments.

2.3 Upcoming Parish Events

2.3.1 September 11, 2022, Parish Town meeting and Brunch. This will be to share facts and bring the congregation into the discussion regarding the financial situation of the parish, etc. We will also have a blessing of the backpacks for students in the parish.

3. Finance Commission Report (Stacie Tibbetts)

3.1 The finance committee met the night before, August 8, 2022

3.1.1 The financial report for July shows that the financials are in line with tradition. Income is down this month, but we are ahead overall. Spending is down partially due to the search for a new rector still being in process. The new insurance costs helped save money. There was no income from Harbor Day in July.

3.1.2 Stacie reported that we had an anonymous donor and two AED devices have been paid for. The Finance Committee decided that the cost for the tree trimming would come out of funds from Buildings and Grounds.

3.1.3 Lousie asked if there is a timeline for the 2023 budget yet. Stacie said not yet.

4. Old Business

4.1 Update on Task Force for Entrepreneurial Opportunities update-Steve not in attendance, Susan+ reported. There are three teams working on researching possible opportunities to supplement parish's current income. Mary shared that she joined an interfaith group to see if there might be a group that needs space to lease. Susan's+ group met with Habitat for Humanity. They discussed the possibility of putting housing on St. Michael's property. Could be housing for homeless or seniors (section 8). Not a quick fix. Food trucks were also brought up.

4.2 Update on Meeting of Stewardship, Finance, and Buildings & Grounds commissions- Susan+ Susan said there are three potential groups. We hope to have a person from each group come to the vestry meeting to present their ideas on how to raise funds for Capital Fundraising. Everyone in the meeting seemed interested.

5. Reports of Officers

5.1 Interim Priest in Charge- Susan Pinkerton +

5.1.1 Susan+ presented her vulnerability report from the walk throughs with the NB Police Dept and the OC Sheriff's Dept. There are some simple things we can do that won't cost a lot of money and other things that will cost more. The report noted areas around the campus that need attention. There sheriff's dept. still needs to send their report. There is a grant that we can apply for from FEMA to help with the cost of some of the safety needs. Stacie can help with the grant application. Barbara+ brought up the need for a written protocol for locking up the church on Sundays.

5.1.2 Jim suggested that a committee be formed to go through all the reports and present what we need and the cost of each. Clyde volunteered to be part of a Safety Task Force.

5.2 Senior Warden - Louise Stover

5.2.1 The Rector Search Committee has received the applications of potential rectors

and is going through them to narrow down to the three best applicants by the end of September. Once they have their 3, they will give them to the dioceses for background checks.

5.3 Junior Warden - Jim Palda Nothing to report

5.4 Ombudsperson – Steve Morris (out of town)

5.5 Clerk – Colette Spence Nothing to report

6. New business

6.1 Vision & Mission - Susan+

6.1.1 Brooke and Barbara+ reported that they are working on the Mission and Vision statement.

6.2 Review of NBPD and Orange Co. Sheriff's Dept. vulnerability study- already presented by Susan+.

6.3 Mural painting on gym wall and nursery walls- Susan+. There is an artist willing to give her time to paint a mural on the wall under the basketball net between the kitchen and bathroom. Others suggested other possible walls because the balls would still hit this wall and damage the mural.

6.4 Update on the Sanctuary Icon project- Cathay Dunlap (presented earlier in the vestry meeting, this is a follow up to the Zoom meeting on 3/21) The first icon of St. John the Witness is complete. The artist Jerry Campbell is getting ready to start the next one of Mary. Cathay is asking for the go ahead with the project. All present hope that Jerry will be able to do the three angels as well given his advanced age. Vestry gave the go ahead to move forward with the project. Louise asked about the framing and the angels. Cathay shared that the cost of framing and the angel pictures are already fully funded.

6.5 Miscellaneous subjects- Don Sheets Don brought up a concern with our insurance in the area of liability and the gardners (liability is not the same as worker's comp). We were paying the gardner an additional \$150/mo. for liability. The question was posed on whether we should be paying this \$150. Don said he canceled it. I asked if vendors should have their own liability insurance. Susan+ said that we do ask for a copy of their liability insurance. A discussion was held among vestry members who were present.

7. Concluding prayer by Barbara+ at 6:54 p.m.