



ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 14, 2024
Meeting Open: 7:02pm
Next Meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 7pm

Submitted by: Allie Porter
Adjourned: 8:05pm

Present:

Fr. Nick Evancho
Irene Ehde, Sr. Warden
Melodie McEvoy, Jr. Warden
Dawn Farquharson
Jerry Cahill
Amy Heist

Joe Childs* Via Zoom
Carol Northrup
Sharon Jones-ABSENT
Beth Boron
Ellen Valvo
Mark Korzelius

1. Fr. Nick Evancho led the Vestry in prayer.
2. Call for Additional Business
 - Amy Heist wanted to give an update on the Air Freshener Fundraiser.
 - A discussion for the Pet Blessing box proposal
 - Elect a treasurer and clerk and new names on signature cards
3. Review/Acceptance of February Minutes
 - Fr. Nick asked if there were additions or corrections to the minutes of the February 8, 2024 meeting, and there were none at this time.
 - Amy Heist motioned to accept the February minutes as written, and Jerry Cahill seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted by a unanimous vote.

Update of Issues Listed in February Minutes for New Vestry Members

- Fr. Nick stated that the check from cruise has been deposited into the Capital Account.
- Fr. Nick reported that the National Fuel grant for the boiler has been approved. Joel from Just Right will begin the work soon.
- An Endowment Committee meeting will be set up soon to discuss the previous error with the Episcopal Church Foundation.

4. Financial Reports

- TOPS cards are not available anymore.
- Jack and Jill paid rent in lump sum in 2023.
- Fr. Nick's pension was assessed too high since he started at St. Martin's, credit coming once paperwork is in.
- The Vestry discussed that Fr. Nick needs access to online banking in addition to Mike Somer.

- Dawn Farquharson motioned to accept the financial report for the month of February, and Amy Heist seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. New Business/Reports

Buildings and Grounds

- Furnace
- Concrete in pavilion
- Bob Mesmer would be willing to do the concrete in the Spring
- Allotted parking lot money is for sealing, and painting.
- Concrete was thought to be a strategic investment to help give the option for further fundraising projects.
- It was agreed that it is important to still follow up with the air conditioning and parking lot

Joe Childs made a motion to pour the concrete and Amy Heist seconded it.

Fr. Nick made a motion to amend the motion to not surpass \$1,200 and Amy Heist seconded it. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

- The fundraising committee will be working on a future “Buy a Brick” fundraiser to surround the walkway leading into the pavilion.

Ann Mitchell Memorial Tree

-Sue, Ann’s niece, contacted the church wondering where Ann Mitchells Memorial Tree went. No one knew the tree was a dedication to Ann and it was cut down when it died a few months ago. Sue said that she will be working with the Grand Island Garden Club to plant something new in memory of Ann.

Pet Pantry Proposal

-The Pet Pantry leaders are proposing to add a second Blessing Box next to the old one out in the parking circle. This would allow for more traffic to provide pet food for the community. The team has shared their construction plans with Fr. Nick and are willing to visit during the week to refill the Pet Food Pantry. The Vestry emphasized the importance of strong labeling on each Blessing Box.

Air Freshener Fundraiser Update

We sold 78 air fresheners to deposit \$352 into the Capital Drive account.

Elections and Banking Updates

A motion was made to amend the card signers Fr. Nick, Mike Somer, Paula Cramer, Irene Ehde and Melodie McEvoy. Ellen Valvo made a motion and was seconded Beth Boron. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

A motion was made to elect Deanna-Marie DiPirro as the Clerk of Vestry and Mike Somer as Treasurer. Mark Korzelius made a motion and was seconded by Melodie McEvoy. This motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Jack and Jill Lease Planning

-Down to one class, set tuition in December, under new management

-Jack and Jill has been great to work with

A motion was made by Mark Korzelius to offer Jack and Jill a new lease with no rental increase for the 2024-25 school year. This was seconded by Joe Childs and passed by a unanimous vote.

This will be discussed again in November 2024.

Chicken BBQ Update

-Letters to businesses will be mailed out tomorrow thanks to Anne D and Amy Heist

-Fr. Nick took the time to pair down the Excel spreadsheet

-The date for the BBQ will be July 13

6. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn was offered by Amy Heist and seconded by Jerry Cahill. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Next Vestry Meeting

- The next Vestry Meeting will be on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 7pm.

Attachments:

1. Vestry Meeting Agenda – March 17, 2024 – Fr. Nick Evancho, Priest-in-Charge
2. February Financial Statement – Mike Somer, Treasurer
3. Vestry Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2024 – Deanna-Marie DiPirro, Secretary