



ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS
E P I S C O P A L C H U R C H

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Date: August 8, 2024
Meeting Open: 7:03 p.m.
Next Meeting: September 12, 2024

Submitted by: Deanna-Marie DiPirro
Adjourned: 8:41 p.m.

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
 - Ellen Valvo inquired, on behalf of the Altar Guild, if we could continue with one service for Labor Day weekend. Fr. Nick agreed and said that he would make an announcement on Sunday.
 - There is an amendment to New Business. A proposal was brought by a few women from Keys of the Kingdom to use our space on Wednesday evenings for their meetings. There is a possibility that their current location may be closing (Island United Presbyterian Church), and they are looking for meeting space. There was concern about our monthly LIFT meetings being held on Wednesdays, but the group stated that the same situation took place at their current location, so they are familiar. With no objection from the Vestry, Fr. Nick approved the use of our space on Wednesday evenings and will give them keys. Amy Heist will inform us of the start date dependent on the church closing.
3. Review/Acceptance of June Minutes
 - Fr. Nick asked if there were additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 20, 2024 meeting, and there were none at this time.
 - A discussion took place regarding Sharon Jones and her absenteeism from her Vestry position. Fr. Nick went over the procedure in the bylaws, and with more than 3 absences, he can send her a letter explaining the bylaw information. Fr. Nick has unfortunately not had much success contacting Sharon. Fr. Nick will follow up at the next Vestry meeting.
 - Mark Korzelius stated that he was beginning to gather information and pricing for renting the Pavilion. Fr. Nick suggested forming a committee.
 - Dawn Farquharson motioned to accept the June minutes as written, and Amy Heist seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted by a unanimous vote.
4. Financial Reports
 - Fr. Nick handed out the corrected financial report for June and stated that it was a break-even month.
 - The month of July was good because of a successful Chicken BBQ and Basket Raffle. The Vestry

discussed summary sheet that Pete Schlau submitted.

- Fr. Nick stated that the Operating Account was in the green by \$5800.
- We are also still waiting for the check to arrive from The Hartford.
- Ellen Valvo motioned to accept the financial reports for the months of June and July, and Carol Northrup seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. New Business/Reports

a) AA Concerns

- Fr. Nick will meet with them regarding storage of their items.

b) Roof Leak Repair

- Fr. Nick stated that the roof repair did not work. It was built incorrectly when it was added. The structural beam needs to be replaced by a carpenter.
- Fr. Nick received a quote of \$1500 plus the cost of the beam size needed, which will be approximately \$2000-\$2200. We will receive a 10% discount because we are a church, and we are also tax-exempt.
- Work will begin next week if approved.
- Mark Korzelius inquired if it would be covered by insurance, and Fr. Nick has contacted them and is waiting to hear back.
- Fr. Nick stated that we could be reimbursed by the insurance company for everything except what is related to the mold issue.
- After the repair, Fr. Nick will take care of the drywall and paint.
- Beth Boron motioned for the approval of funds, not to exceed \$2500, for the roof repair for the Rectory. Mark Korzelius seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

c) Endowment Board Report

- Fr. Nick stated that the Endowment Board reviewed the options for transferring funds from the Episcopal Church Fund (ECF). The decision was made to transfer to Charles Schwab. Two accounts will be established. Withdrawals from ECF will be initiated after Q2 statements are received. Funds will initially be invested in the Schwab money market fund, which is currently yielding 5+%.
- Fr. Nick also added that we will be able to view all our own accounting.

d) Chicken BBQ/Basket Raffle Analysis

- Attached to the Vestry packet is the “2024 Chicken BBQ/Basket Raffle Summary” sheet.
- Fr. Nick and Pete Schlau went through all the numbers for the event.
- After Vestry discussion regarding profit from the event, Fr. Nick will look into past financial statements to get a better understanding of the actual profit.
- Amy Heist discussed our amazing donation of the extra items from the BBQ to the Friends of Night People.
- The items for the kids and music were also a great addition.
- The next Chicken BBQ & Basket Raffle will be Saturday, July 12, 2025.
- Fr. Nick stated that he did receive the formal resignation of Pete & Marge Schlau of the leadership positions. If anyone is interested, please see Pete Schlau or Fr. Nick.

e) Bills Season Opener Tailgate Service

- It was suggested to have a tailgate service on Saturday, September 7 at 4pm. Fr. Nick will let us know of his decision.

6. Additional Information

- Fr. Nick stated that he will be at The Cathedral in Erie on Sunday, November 10, and Phil Cunningham will supply.
- The Diocesan Convention is Saturday, October 12 in Erie, PA this year. Our delegates are Irene Ehde and Melodie McEvoy. Fr. Nick is part of the Partnership Staff and will not be seated with our delegates. It will also be the first Convention without Bishop Sean.
- Further discussion took place regarding Bishop Sean's election to the next Presiding Bishop and what may lie ahead.

Next Vestry Meeting

- The next Vestry Meeting will be on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 7pm.

7. Adjourn

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

Attachments:

1. Vestry Meeting Agenda – August 8, 2024 – Fr. Nick Evancho
2. June & July Financial Statement – Mike Somer & Fr. Nick Evancho
3. Vestry Meeting Minutes – June 20, 2024 – Deanna-Marie DiPirro
4. 2024 Chicken BBQ/Basket Raffle Summary – Pete Schlau