



## Vestry Meeting Minutes

Date: February 8, 2024  
Meeting Open: 7:02 p.m.  
Next Meeting: March 14, 2024

Submitted by: Deanna-Marie DiPirro  
Adjourned: 7:54 p.m.

### Present:

Fr. Nick Evancho  
Pete Schlau, Sr. Warden - \*Via Zoom  
Irene Ehde, Jr. Warden  
Melodie McEvoy - \*Via Zoom  
Allie Porter - \*Via Zoom  
Kris Dodge

Dawn Farquharson - ABSENT  
Jerry Cahill  
Amy Heist  
Joe Childs  
Carol Northrup  
Sharon Jones - ABSENT

1. Fr. Nick Evancho led the Vestry in prayer.
2. Call for Additional Business
  - Jerry Cahill wished to add a discussion about the Pavilion floor.
  - Pete Schlau would like to add an update on the Chicken BBQ & Basket Raffle.
  - Amy Heist wanted to add an update on the Air Freshener Fundraiser.
3. Review/Acceptance of January Minutes
  - Fr. Nick asked if there were additions or corrections to the minutes of the January 11, 2024 meeting, and there were none at this time.
  - Jerry Cahill motioned to accept the January minutes as written, and Amy Heist seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted by a unanimous vote.
4. Financial Reports – \*from Mike Somer
  - Fr. Nick reviewed the Financial Reports from January and stated that there was a Sunday that was cancelled, and then there was a large number of people that were on the Cruise Fundraiser. Both affected giving numbers for the month.
  - Fr. Nick stated that the money raised from the Cruise is not in the Capital Account yet.
  - Carol Northrup motioned to accept the financial report for the month of January, and Irene Ehde seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
5. New Business/Reports
  - a) Fundraising Report
    - i. Comedy Night – Fr. Nick stated that it was a success and \$2875 was raised for the Operating Account.
    - ii. Super Bowl Squares – Fr. Nick stated that the squares were sold out, and Allie Porter added that \$1200 will go to the Operating Account as well.
    - iii. Air Freshener – Amy Heist stated that a payment needs to be made to Shannon, and she will follow up with Fr. Nick. There will be approximately a \$300 profit to the Operating

Account from this fundraiser.

- iv. Cruise – Fr. Nick stated that the money raised from the Cruise Fundraiser, approximately \$8500, should be in the Capital Account within a month.

b) Buildings and Grounds

- i. Boiler and Furnaces - Fr. Nick discussed the recent maintenance issues and repairs that took place, including the Boiler for \$2700, and the furnace as well. Joel from Just Right is looking into a grant with National Fuel to cover the cost of the repairs for one/both furnaces. Joel quoted us \$3800 for both to be replaced. Fr. Nick has filled out the paperwork with Joel for the grant and will follow up with him.
  - ii. Rectory Sewer Pipe – Fr. Nick stated that a sewer pipe at the Rectory also collapsed underground. He called Great Lakes Plumbing, thanks to a recommendation from Kris Dodge, and they were able to fix/replace everything for \$3500.
  - iii. Church Gutter Drainage – Another issue that occurred was that the lower level flooded. Bob Mesmer took care of relaying the piping for the downspouts, and FR. Nick rented a carpet cleaner and cleaned the carpets for \$50. Fr. Nick stated that this may have fixed the root of the problem of our water issues.
- Joe Childs motioned to pay for the Rectory sewer pipe expense from the Capital Account in the amount of \$3500. Kris Dodge seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
  - Amy Heist motioned to pay for the boiler repair expense from the Capital Account in the amount of \$2672. Kris Dodge seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
  - Further discussion took place regarding the possibility of not receiving the grant to replace both furnaces, and to budget for the cost of both because they are the same age.
  - Jerry Cahill began a discussion regarding the Pavilion and when the concrete floor would be going in. He stated that there has been some discussion with the Goodfellows and an interest in holding fundraisers there. Pete Schlau reminded the Vestry that there was an agreement to fundraise for the additional \$10,000 over the original \$100,000 goal for the Capital Drive. Discussion continued concerning the amount of time needed to let the current pavilion floor settle, which is one year, before we can consider concrete.
  - Kris Dodge added that the electrical work will take place when the weather gets warmer.
  - Fr. Nick ended the discussion by suggesting that we funnel some of the ideas for the Pavilion through the Fundraising Committee.

c) Endowment Errors and Planning

- Pete Schlau stated that an error was discovered with the Episcopal Church Foundation in the accounting for our investments. The result is a net decrease of 9% in our account balances, much less than was anticipated. The Endowment Board will come forward with recommendations on next steps, and they may not be able to move forward with the previously discussed distributions to the Operating and Capital Accounts due to these errors.
- Fr. Nick will look at past Vestry meeting minutes and amend them at our next meeting in March.

d) Chicken BBQ & Basket Raffle for 2024

- Pete Schlau stated that the committee met and agreed to move the date to July 13. They reached out to BW's to change the date as well.

- Fr. Nick will update the donation request letter with the new date and send them out.

6. Adjourn

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

Next Vestry Meeting

- The next Vestry Meeting will be on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 7pm.

Attachments:

1. Vestry Meeting Agenda – February 8, 2024 – Fr. Nick Evancho
2. January Financial Statement – Mike Somer
3. Vestry Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2024 – Deanna-Marie DiPirro