



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

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Date: January 9, 2025
Meeting Open: 7:01 p.m.
Next Meeting: February 13, 2025

Submitted by: Deanna-Marie DiPirro
Adjourned: 8:13 p.m.

Present:

Fr. Nick Evancho	Joe Childs - ABSENT
Irene Ehde, Sr. Warden	Carol Northrup
Melodie McEvoy, Jr. Warden - *Via Zoom	Beth Boron
Dawn Farquharson - *Via Zoom	Ellen Valvo
Jerry Cahill	Mark Korzelius
Amy Heist	Jeanne Percival - ABSENT

1. Fr. Nick Evancho led the Vestry in prayer.
2. Call for Additional Business
 - Amy Heist requested to add the Chicken BBQ & Basket Raffle to the Agenda.
 - Beth Boron requested to discuss the date for decorating for Christmas.
 - Amy Heist also requested to add the outdoor lighting. Fr. Nick stated that he could address this immediately, as he is just waiting for Joe Childs to assist him in repairing the lighting, and for the weather to break. Fr. Nick will check if there is a replacement bulb, or if one needs to be ordered. Mark Korzelius volunteered to help as well.
3. Review/Acceptance of December Minutes
 - Fr. Nick asked if there were additions or corrections to the minutes of the December 12, 2024 meeting, and Melodie McEvoy again requested that the minutes be sent out earlier.
 - Mark Korzelius motioned to accept the December minutes as written, and Ellen Valvo seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted by a unanimous vote.
4. Review/Acceptance of December Financial Reports
 - Fr. Nick stated that the financial report looks good, with 5 Sundays in December, as well as Christmas services. Parish giving for Christmas was approximately \$5000, and we also received some large checks. It has been difficult to compare Christmas giving to previous years because of cancelled services.
 - We are up \$16080.30 year-to-date, making \$25000 more than last year.
 - The large account balance still reflects the Endowment Funds.
 - Mark Korzelius inquired as to what Other Income is, and Fr. Nick will check with Mike Somer.
 - Melodie McEvoy inquired if we are still holding back checks, and Fr. Nick stated that the bank balance shows all checks drafted.
 - Fr. Nick stated that we are still receiving credit from the Church Pension Group for the miscalculation of his pension payments.
 - Fr. Nick also stated that giving and fundraising are up.
 - Fr. Nick stated the current issues with the boiler, and that it may need to be serviced annually, and

we may need to budget for this expense.

- Amy Heist motioned to accept the financial report for the month of December, and Beth Boron seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. New Business/Reports

a) Undercroft Drop Ceiling Proposal Update

- Fr. Nick stated that there was a misestimate with this project, and that it is \$3000, not \$9000 as previously stated. The project will include lighting as well.
- Mark Korzelius inquired as to whether this would be a Capital Expense, and Fr. Nick stated that it is and will be voted on in the future with a more accurate quote.
- This project will take place after the Jack & Jill school year, and before the summer camp group.

b) Stutelage Summer Camp Rental Agreement

- Fr. Nick stated that rent from this group will help the budget.
- They will be using space that is otherwise vacant during the summer.
- There are concerns regarding the Chicken BBQ & Basket Raffle and the need for space downstairs and access when Stutelage may still be in session.
- Beth Boron stated that Eric has volunteered to assist with the lease but needs additional information.

c) Printer Contract Update

- Fr. Nick stated that he has signed a new contract with Eagle Systems for a new copier. It will save money on printing/copies, as well as energy.
- Discussion took place regarding making some changes to the format of the bulletins, and FR. Nick stated that he may make some in the future.
- Fr. Nick also stated that there will be a Lenten Series and a Women's Bible Study in the future.

d) Vestry Dinner

- Fr. Nick stated that we have not had this dinner since he was called to St. Martin's.
- It is for both outgoing members and incoming members, and there is money in the budget for it.
- The date that was decided is Thursday, March 13 at 6pm where there will be a short meeting and dinner.

6. Additional Business

- Amy Heist discussed a monthly event that another parish has that she would like to introduce at St. Martin's.
- Fr. Nick discussed the Vestry Election that will take at our Annual Meeting in February, and the importance of the Convention Delegates. These volunteers will have a significant role at the Special Convention in May. Irene Ehde, Melodie McEvoy, and Joe Childs have volunteered to be delegates. Mark Korzelius has volunteered to be an alternate if needed.
- Discussion took place regarding the date for decorating the church for Christmas, and if we could possibly begin it sooner in December. Fr. Nick stated that there are many ways that this could work, and that the wreaths and greenery could be delivered December 1 as they go with

the Advent Season.

- There was discussion regarding the need for a leader for the Chicken BBQ. Mark Korzelius volunteered to head this event but will need a Basket Raffle leader or leaders.
- Jerry Cahill stated that there are some concerns with the microphone at the lectern. Discussion took place regarding the readers and some not using the microphone and the congregation not being able to hear the readings. Fr. Nick stated that we will have some training to help the Readers use the microphone properly.

Next Vestry Meeting

- The next Vestry Meeting will be on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 7pm.

7. Adjourn

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

Attachments:

1. Vestry Meeting Agenda – January 9, 2025 – Fr. Nick Evancho
2. December Financial Statement – Mike Somer
3. Vestry Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2024 – Deanna-Marie DiPirro