



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

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Date: October 17, 2024
Meeting Open: 7:03 p.m.
Next Meeting: November 14, 2024

Submitted by: Deanna-Marie DiPirro
Adjourned: 7:56 p.m.

Present:

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

Joe Childs
Carol Northrup
Beth Boron - ABSENT
Ellen Valvo
Mark Korzelius
Jeanne Percival

*The October Vestry Meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday, October 10, but was changed to Thursday, October 17, due to a scheduling conflict and the Diocesan Convention.

1. Fr. Nick Evancho led the Vestry in prayer.
2. Call for Additional Business
 - There was no additional business at this time.
3. Review/Acceptance of September Minutes
 - Fr. Nick asked if there were additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 12, 2024 meeting, and there were none at this time.
 - Amy Heist motioned to accept the September minutes as written, and Joe Childs seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted by a unanimous vote.
5. Review/Acceptance of September Financial Reports
 - Fr. Nick stated that the September Financial Report is positive, and we are ahead almost \$5000.
 - The Moonlight Serenade brought in \$2933.88.
 - Parish Giving was almost \$14,000 this month, with 5 Sundays.
 - Income year-to-date states that we are up in multiple areas from last year. Last year at this time we were (-\$12,536.44) and are now ahead by \$9,379.75.
 - Fr. Nick found an earlier error in his pension fund payment, and it was overpaid for 4 years. He will look into when the payments will resume, and what the dollar amount will be.
 - Fr. Nick will also look into what Other Income is.
 - Irene Ehde motioned to accept the financial report for the month of September, and Amy Heist seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
6. New Business/Reports
 - a) Pavilion Rental Guidelines Report
 - Fr. Nick stated that the committee met, including Eric Boron, to discuss options for renting out the pavilion, including liability, alcohol use, fees, and restrooms. Mark Korzelius and

Melodie McEvoy were also in attendance. Another meeting is scheduled for October 21.

c) Stewardship Campaign Update

- Fr. Nick stated that Eric Boron volunteered to preach in November regarding Stewardship. Fr. Nick will follow up with pledge cards at a later date.

b) ACAR Snowplow Contract

- Fr. Nick stated that we received this year's snowplow contract, and the price increased to \$4000 for the season. The previous price was \$3450.
- Discussion took place regarding where we could save money, and if we should look for additional quotes. Fr. Nick stated that he looked for other quotes last year and was not able to find another company that was willing to plow the sidewalk to Jack & Jill. Mark Korzelius suggested negotiating the price with ACAR to see if there is a way to lower our payment. Fr. Nick will reach out to ACAR to discuss.
- Mark Korzelius motioned to allow funds to be paid for the 2024-2025 Snowplow Contract with ACAR Services, not to exceed \$4000. Jeanne Percival seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

d) Church and Rectory Security

- Fr. Nick discussed the recent situation that took place regarding an intruder at the Rectory. He replaced the lock with a deadbolt and installed a security system.
- Discussion took place regarding the security of the church also, including lighting at night.

e) Church Insect Problem

- Fr. Nick stated that Dave Northrup had come across a few dead insects while he was cleaning. Vestry stated that this is not a new issue and has been happening for years. Fr. Nick will reach out to Ehrlich to see if we can add on to our service.

6. Additional Business

- Fr. Nick added that we currently have \$8,528.25 in the Operating Fund, if every check was released. Currently, the actual balance is approximately \$29,000 because we have not sent in the last 6 months of diocesan pledge checks. Discussion took place regarding these checks.
- Joe Childs motioned to pay the dues to the diocese for the first half of the year and re-write any checks if needed. Mark Korzelius seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- Further discussion took place regarding future practices in this case.

Next Vestry Meeting

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

7. Adjourn

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

Attachments:

1. Vestry Meeting Agenda – October 17, 2024 – Fr. Nick Evancho
2. September Financial Statement – Mike Somer
3. Vestry Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2024 – Deanna-Marie DiPirro