

Minutes of the Saint Michael & All Angels Church Vestry Meeting
June 18, 2018

Meeting convened at 6:35 pm.

Present: Interim Rector Brent Carey; Jr. Warden Dave Allen; Treasurer Win Zoellner; Clerk Lindsay Mohn; Dahl Metters; Cecil Allen; Leslie Malle; Lisa Welker; Scott Schaefer; Dennis Kissinger; Gordon Alloway; Dee Norris; Addrianne Conway; Margaret Thompson

Absent: Sr. Warden Marty Pyle; Harriet Duff; Lindsey Hill

Father Carey opened the meeting with a prayer. The group then shared 'Joys and Concerns'.

Clerk Mohn offered her thoughts on an issue under consideration. After discussion, Mr. Kissinger moved to continue to provide Vestry meeting minutes to the parish following their approval at the subsequent month's meeting, but to publish time urgent issues in the newsletter. This is in lieu of making a 'draft' version of the minutes available prior to the next month's meeting. Ms. Welker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Cecil Allen moved to approve the May minutes as drafted. Ms. Norris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer Zoellner discussed the highlights of the Finance Committee Report. Pledge income continued to be off in May. Mid-year pledge statements will go out soon in order to remind parishioners of where they stand. The Transitional Giving Fund is also short about \$12K. There will be a mid-year review of the financial situation at the July Vestry meeting. The Finance Committee meets at 5:30 that evening; they will be having a similar discussion. Vestry members are welcome to attend (as are all parishioners). Expenses are close to budget for May, and for the year to date. Mr. Schaefer moved to approve the financial statement as provided. Mr. Cecil Allen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Interim Rector Carey reported that Art Camp was a 'spectacular' success. A total of 62 young people from a combined 17 elementary schools participated in a variety of music, art, dance and acting events, with the help of youth counselors from 6 middle and high schools. Father Carey felt there was a good use of scholarship funds. He noted that Father Cox is doing a great job of putting together the Bigger Bible School program, which is titled 'Faith & Hope'. The

leaders of four different faith orders will present their perspectives during the event. The evenings will begin with dinner, followed by the discussion topic and a Q&A session. Sessions will run from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The program will be presented at local parishes after it runs at STMAA.

Jr. Warden Allen provided his comprehensive report within the printed Ministry Reports (attached to these minutes). He asked the Vestry to make special note of the information regarding tree trimming and the sprinkler system issues. He said how grateful he was for the extra work done by the Gardening Angels, especially considering the sprinkler problems. He recently asked the Building and Grounds Committee for a list of items that need attention. Other issues of note include the ongoing work on the sump pump and the need for a new projector, prior to BBS.

Mr. Metters reported on the action of the Search Committee. They have published a survey via 'Holy Cow' to gather information. Lora Kidwell created a bulletin board with information about the SC members. It will be posted in the hallway soon. Mr. Alloway agreed to take on this responsibility. Mr. Zoellner noted the area in the survey which allows one household member to respond. He was concerned the responses might be duplicated. Also noted was that there were about a dozen questions about the Interim Rector, and that seemed like hindsight, but 'Holy Cow' apparently has a method they stick to.

There were no questions or clarifications about the Ministry Liaison submissions.

The group then turned to Chapter 4 of the Vestry Resource Guide. The focus of this chapter is 'Vision and Strategic Thinking'. There was discussion about Vision being 'what God is calling your congregation to do'. It is not static. Questions included what the needs, hopes and fears of the wider community are and how they relate to STMAA. Further, what are 'our' hopes for our faith community, internal and external? Communication of the Vision needs to be clear and consistent as well as simple. An effort should be made to include as many voices as possible. Mr. Alloway responded to the message to 'Tell Stories' with his concern that we run the risk of losing history unless someone takes the lead in trying to collect and preserve it. The Vestry agreed that would be a good message to get out to the congregation; a request for information will go into the newsletter. Further discussion included the need to translate discernment into action. The model needs to be nimble, and there is a need to embrace change in order to move forward. Long and short term planning must be evaluated in light of the parish's Mission. Father Carey asked the group to consider three things that continue to draw them to STMAA. Responses included Outreach, Liturgy, Relationships, Music, Diversity

and Children's Education. Father Carey noted that short term thinking begins with the Vestry; the congregation then has a potential role as lay workers. Goals should be framed as questions and taken to the parish as such. Invite everyone.

Discussion then turned to the Mission Statement options presented in print version by Ms. Welker. After brief conversation about specific wording, Mr. Kissinger moved to approve the following version:

‘We are a Christian community, welcoming all who seek God's grace and love, sharing in faith, worship, fellowship and service.’

Ms. Thompson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

In Old Business, an Alternate Delegate to Convention is necessary since Ms. Norris has shifted into a position as Delegate. Vestry members were asked to think about potential nominees and to send their suggestions to Father Carey.

Father Carey shared that meetings with the candidates for the next Bishop of Kansas will be live-streamed. Further, there is the opportunity to meet the candidates at STMAA at a ‘walk-about’ on Tuesday, October 2nd at 7pm.

Next meeting will be Monday, July 16th at 6:30 pm following a eucharist at 6:00.

There being no further business, the group gathered to say The Lord's Prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Mohn
Clerk of the Vestry