

Minutes of the Saint Michael and All Angels Vestry Meeting
April 16, 2018

Present: Interim Rector Brent Carey; Sr. Warden Marty Pyle; Jr. Warden David Allen; Treasurer Win Zoellner; Secretary Lindsay Mohn; Dennis Kissinger; Lisa Welker; Gordon Alloway; Margaret Thompson; Dee Norris; Adrianne Conway; Scott Schaefer; Harriet Duff; Cecil Allen; Dahl Metters; Leslie Malle
Absent: Lindsey Hill

Meeting convened at 6:30 pm with a prayer led by Father Carey. Joys and Concerns were shared.

Mr. Allen moved to approve the March minutes as written. Ms. Duff seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer Zoellner distributed the financial report for the period ending March 31st. Notable items include pledge income at \$18K below budget. Non-pledge income was also below budget, by about \$5K. The STMAA Foundation donated \$4K to the Operating Fund to be used for the Bigger Bible Study in July. An outstanding invoice of \$2K was received from our donut vendor. For that and general budget reasons, donuts will no longer be offered at coffee hour.

Mr. Metters reported that the Search Committee (SC) has organized their meeting schedule through May. They have been interviewing prior SC members. Resumes are already coming in, and the SC will also proactively recruit potential candidates. Ms. Malle noted that the Shawnee Mission School District recently did a community profile we might want to review. The SC doesn't have a timeline yet, but when they construct one, the Communications Committee will make it available to the parish. The Vestry Resource Guide has a usable version. A monthly update from the pulpit was suggested. SC members will have 'gold' nametags to distinguish them. Vestry name tags are blue.

Jr. Warden Allen noted that the process of signing up for meetings needs improvement. It was suggested that this become an online process. The parish is looking for a new garbage removal service due to some recent issues. The (continuing) sump pump project is anticipated to cost about \$8K. B&G will deal with this in stages, starting with a survey scheduled for tomorrow. Ron Donnelly

has agreed to be the liaison between the Jr. Warden and the Carpenter Ants. He will have a set of keys to the building. Information about what the Carpenter Ants are doing should not only be printed in the newsletter, but should be shared from the pulpit so they can be properly recognized for their volunteerism. Father Carey added that the Communication Committee should also be recognized for their outstanding work. The Jr. Warden noted that a Boy Scout worked on his Eagle project in the building last weekend. Because there was some confusion about who was responsible, the Jr. Warden will create and make available a list of appropriate projects that might fit the Eagle Scout requirement. The Mission PD recently spoke to some staff and Vestry members about creating a plan in the event there of an 'active shooter' in the building. The Jr. Warden pointed out that we need to take the next step and make the actual plan. He is working on creating a campus 'operating manual' with help from Jerry and Jim Albrecht. It will be a living document, and will exist on paper and in electronic form. The Jr. Warden suggested making a 10-year capital plan for things such as the HVAC system in the library. It was suggested that Boy Scout Honor Court dates should be posted on the calendar and in the bulletin.

Ms. Welker reported that Outreach Director Larry Ward held an open meeting last month to brainstorm opportunities for every parishioner to be involved in some area of Outreach. There will be a follow-up meeting in the near future.

Mr. Metters, Ms. Welker and Ms. Conway are compiling a variety of potential mission statements. They will forward their suggestions to the Vestry this week. The Vision Statement also needs to be updated, but it is the work of the parish at large. It would be good to include the SC in order to avoid redundancy, as both statements should be part of the updated Parish Profile. The VS conversation should be done with help from a trained facilitator.

Ministry Liaison Reports were submitted to and compiled by Ms. Duff. They are available upon request.

In Old Business, Mr. Allen, who is Liaison to the Hospitality Ministry, reported that there are still improvements to be made to coffee hour. A few ministry groups have taken the initiative to act as hosts, as have a couple of parishioners, but it needs to be run more deliberately and by a broader range of people. Mr. Allen

offered to recruit someone to act as coordinator, and Mr. Alloway volunteered to act as the host this week.

In New Business, Mr. Alloway noted that the STMAA's 75th anniversary will be in 2021, and it's not too soon to start planning for an appropriate event.

Father Carey attended a conference in Dallas recently, entitled 'Pathways to Generosity'. It was a three-day event with an attendance of between 150-175 people. Eric Law was a key speaker. He is a proponent of year-round stewardship. He described 'Six Seasons' of generosity:

- generosity in welcoming,
- generosity in stewardship of the Earth,
- generosity of facilities,
- generosity of community,
- generosity of self-care, and,
- generosity with money

To overcome the fear of talking about money, you first have to accept that everything you have has been given to you by God. You also need to focus your perspective on abundance rather than scarcity. You should commit to relaxation and prayer and work with the community. Giving is a spiritual exercise, and money is a spiritual discipline.

It was again noted that the current Dinner Group coordinator is stepping down, and there is no one volunteering to take over. This ministry group model may need to change, or disband altogether if no one is willing to coordinate it. This information will be published in the newsletter and posted on a bulletin board. The deadline for publication in the newsletter is noon on Wednesdays.

New Member orientation events will be held once per quarter.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with the recitation of The Lord's Prayer, and adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Mohn/Clerk of the Vestry

