

# Vestry Meeting Minutes

8/16/2022

The regular meeting of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church of LaGrange was called to order at 7:00 pm on 8/16/2022 in person and via Zoom, as needed by vestry members by Reverend David Jackson

## Present

Reverend David Jackson (Rector)  
Dan Mottl (2025)  
Leslie Stahulak (2024)  
Dorren Gertsen-Briand (2023)

Drew Beyer (Senior Warden)  
Diane Coutre-Clark (2025)  
Andy Dolliff (2024)  
Carry Zaras (2023)

Kathy Lampert (JR Warden)  
Cliff Egel (2024)

## Non-Voting

Judy Staiano (Clerk substitute)

**Absent** - Mary Borge (2024) Terry O'Neill (2025)

## **I. Formation**

**A. Minute of Sanity**

**B Opening Prayer** - Leslie (next month: Andy)

**C. Check-In**

**Next Meeting – Sept 13th, 7:00 pm**

## **II. Information**

### **A. Wardens' Reports**

#### **a. Building and Grounds Report**

### **B. Rector's Report**

- a.** Marriage Enrichment, BoSA – why do you think the response/sign- up was low? Perhaps the 3 hour session was too long? Or perhaps because it was in August? Or perhaps many of the men in the parish do not want to 'talk' so openly?!
- b.** On September 17th The Chicago Bishop will be consecrated, Watch Party will be hosted by Grace Episcopal, Oak Park.
- c.** Brotherhood of St Andrew will be meeting here in September. Mission is to connect the youth to Christ through various means of study and outreach.

### **C. POP Report/Discussion**

Initial report on the cocktail party, and still one (party) to happen, is that we should be in a good position to match the offered half donation of the antiphon project. A rough count of commitment is \$42,500 so far. The Casavant quote expires on Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, so the POP will report to the next vestry meeting to obtain a decision. More information will be known. Rev. Dave asked what information the vestry might need the POP committee to bring to help with the decision. How are we doing with our loan payments/income? A cash flow report would be useful! The projected income of the Notre Dame concert(s), other concerts. Which antiphonal quote did POP approve/suggest/desire? Discussion followed, the 'letter of intent' received from the generous donor, confirming his desire to donate half of the cost of the antiphon as long as the other half is reached/promised. Although the antiphonal project will be in the region of \$240-250k, we should consider the ancillary costs to the project as a whole – such as electricity, cabling, rehousing the current livestream location. Would the donor consider giving the money for other projects if the vestry does not approve the extra antiphonal project. Can we quantify how much extra income (through concerts/the AGO) the antiphonal would bring in should the project go ahead. We should share the backstory of the donor with the congregation if he agrees.

### III. Discussion

#### A. Small group discussion and outcome –

Group ‘Invite’ want to suggest solar powered spotlights to illuminate the Elm side of the church as it is very dark. Estimated costs are \$300.

Group ‘Orient’ have been busy installing new wall signs around the building to help orient visitors etc navigate the building, cost so far is approximately \$100. Sourced 2 new outdoor signs (as one was stolen from the parking lot) estimate and proofs [here](#) and a portable sign/map holder for events etc. Looking for vestry approval.

Also looking for approval for a new/replacement A/C unit in the choir room, as the current one is faulty to the point of useless. South & west facing room worsens the heat in that room. New units found and quotes obtained for \$400-\$500.

Blood Drive - we did very well on our last blood drive and met our quota. So we will hold 2 more on **September 27<sup>th</sup>** ( Pediatric Cancer Awareness month) and **December 1<sup>st</sup>**.

A prospective donor has expressed a desire for an automatic door opener for our double red doors. We will investigate and get some quotes.

Following the map created and discussed by Group ‘Orient’ – we should install a map on the wall highlighting the Emergency Exits throughout the building. Evacuation and Tornado Shelter area maps/plans were discussed.

Coffee Hour discussed. Looking for commitment from the vestry to host each week. From Sept 11<sup>th</sup> with 2 services resumed, we will make coffee again and treats for fellowship.

Can Judy send weekly reminders for coffee hour hosts, along with counters, lectors.

### IV. Decisions

**Approve June minutes and interim treasurer’s report – Leslie S and Kathy L – approved**

**Motion to approve the purchase of a new A/C unit in the choir room, approx \$500 - Dan M and Kathy L – approved** for Dan to identify which model/company to use.

**Motion to approve purchase of above mentioned signs \$864.43 – Kathy L and Drew B - approved**

**V. Closing Prayer -Closing Prayer – Led by Rev. David    Meeting adjourned 9:00pm.**

**Minutes submitted by Judy Staiano**