

Minutes: St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting
February 25, 2025
(Date changed from scheduled February 18, 2025, due to weather closure.)

Present: Rector: The Rev. David Cox; Senior Warden: Will Henderson; Junior Warden: Ed Reasoner; Clerk Substitute: Margareta Knopik

Vestry Members: Justin Anderson, Jaime Keltner, Linda Brown, Erik Coon, Leslie Malle, Teresa James, Beth Lee, and Margareta Knopik

New Vestry Members as guests: Maureen Weber, Mark Hunter, and Kaylen Simpson.

Absent: Carol Zoellner; The Rev. Ryan Bloyd-Wiseman; Susan Wilcox; Joe Adkins, Betsy Ordonez, Gretchen Sullivan, and Hank Stratemeier

Mr. Henderson called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Ms. Brown led the evening devotions with a reflection on verses from Proverbs, Habakkuk, Luke, and Colossians focused on paying attention, being astonished, telling about it and doing all in and with love.

DISCUSSION

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Zoellner was not in attendance and Rev. Cox quickly reviewed the financials she had provided. Because January is typically a very good month with respect to finances (i.e., few expenses and typically higher-than-usual income), the information was approved with little discussion.

Junior Warden's Report

Mr. Reasoner had four issues:

1. The furnace switch had to be replaced (during very the recent cold stretch of weather);
2. The dishwasher in the kitchen stopped working due to a malfunction of the soap dispenser;
3. The sink in the Sacristy (where Altar Guild works), was replaced by the Carpenter Ants;
4. He is requesting someone on Vestry take responsibility for turning on the coffee pot for coffee hour following the church service. (All directions provided and easy to understand.) (There will be a sign-up sheet coordinated by Michael Box.)

Rector's Report and Administrative Matters

- Fr. Cox will be at the Episcopal Network Conference this coming weekend (February 28-March 1).
- Fr. Cox is still looking for a site for the upcoming Vestry retreat. All agreed that staying in town this year is a good thing to do if an appropriate location can be identified. Not only will it make it easier for members to attend but will also help contain spending.
- The Legacy Society is beginning to revive and exploring ways to encourage new and sustainable revenue streams. Suggestions from the Vestry included targeted

conversations for specific giving or encouraging goodwill offerings; however, these are early days with respect to this ministry.

- Mr. Henderson passed around the sign-up sheets for both Vestry Meeting Devotionals and Sunday Announcements.

Ministry Team Updates—Vestry Members

- Ms. Knopik thanked Mr. Reasoner and the Carpenter Ants for installing the new sink in the Sacristy. The Altar Guild members are thrilled as it will be so much more conducive to preparing for services and cleaning up afterward.
- Ms. Keltner mentioned that one of the Dinner Groups requested the monthly financials and the Vestry minutes be posted online in a timely manner. It was agreed that, if at all possible, minutes should be typed and the draft forwarded to Kate in the Church office no later than a week following the meeting for posting on the website.
- Mr. Coon reported that Family and Children's Ministry is going well although finding Sunday School volunteers remains challenging. Ms. Keltner asked if there would be a problem having young people (younger than 18) lead classes since they must be 18 or older to take the Safe Church training. It was agreed there was not a problem—in fact, having a multi-generational team would be ideal. Mr. Coon noted that if we can get enough people, the training can be done at one time in person, which is preferable to taking it online. Ms. Keltner reminded everyone that the State of Kansas now requires two teachers/class.

DECISIONS

The January Minutes were approved.

The January Financial Report was approved as given by Fr. Cox on behalf of Ms. Zoellner.

Final Announcements

The Vestry needs to find a new Clerk as Susan Wilcox, who has done a phenomenal job for a number of years, is stepping down. Ms. Knopik offered to work with Ms. Ordunez to put an appeal in the upcoming Messenger. She also offered to take notes for the Vestry meeting held on the last day of the upcoming Retreat.

Episcopal Convocation for the Dioceses of Kansas will be held on March 15 at St. Thomas the Apostle from 9 a.m. to noon. This is one of three meetings the convention delegates are expected to attend.

Closing

Ms. Brown read the Prayer of General Thanksgiving.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margareta Smith Knopik
Substitute Clerk of the Vestry