

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING
MINUTES
May 23, 2024

Present: Senior Warden-Richard Updegrave, Junior Warden-John Corbishley, Treasurer-David Brierley, Clerk-Mattie Gustafson, Rita Verespy, Anne Wood, Jerry Culver, Cory Thurston, Sarah Barker, Jason DeFalco, David Burke, Associate Rector Meaghan Brower and the Rev. Jennifer Pedrick.

Absent: Lauren Lema and Alex Simmons

The Rector asked that everyone read over the Vestry Covenant, and then she said prayer to begin our meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Reconnecting with each other in the presence of God – Jennifer

Jennifer asked two questions: Where in our community have you experienced God's presence and what relationships have shown you the presence of God? The vestry shared and discussed reactions to these two questions.

Rector's Reports and Communications

Music Director

We have hired Michael DiMucci (!) and he will be starting this weekend. Many, many thanks to Jason D. who led and completed the whole process. Applause and commendations by the vestry followed the announcement. This is surely God at work in our community.

Welcome Weekend

Welcome weekend will be June 1st and 2nd. Dinner at the Rectory will take place after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday service and the Wine and Cheese Reception. Jennifer asked for help with food and hosting this event. There will be a separate event for kids in the Parish House.

Miscellaneous

Rectory Kitchen

John, Rick, and Jennifer met with the designer to review proposed plans. Lots of moving parts need to be coordinated – the design, the appliances, the contractor – etc.!

Criteria include: the kitchen and surrounding area should be a good space for entertaining. Also, the renovation and design should offer various options for future rectors and their families.

(At the end of this meeting, the Vestry will retire to the Rectory to review the proposed work with the designer and Jennifer.)

Associate Rector's Report – Meaghan B.

The summer program is coming together. The organizing group is sending out a Sign-Up Genius form for people to sign up to help with the various events.

Junior Warden – John C.

The windows are done and the leaks are gone! Alleluia! John gave much thanks to Ron Machtley for his help in getting these repairs done in a timely manner. Also, thanks to Dave B. who got the insurance to underwrite much of the cost of these repairs.

The Property Commission is meeting and starting to create a re-forestation plan for the churchyard and grounds going forward.

The sprinkler system in the Parish House did not pass inspection. John is dealing with this issue.

Consent Agenda

Richard U. made a motion, seconded by Jennifer, that we pass the Consent Agenda, consisting of the Minutes and Treasurer's Report for April 2024. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6.45 p.m., and the Vestry moved to the Rectory to review kitchen plans.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattie E. Gustafson
Clerk