

ALL SAINTS' VESTRY MINUTES

Location: All Saints' Episcopal Church
Date: August 22, 2023
7:00 P.M.
Chair: Rev. Catherine Thompson, Priest in Charge

Present: Jody Deveney, Michael King, Leo Laryea, Sharon O'Rear, Hilary Pettigrew, Rachel Querry, Toni Serini, Rev. Catherine Thompson, Mark Walker, Waymon Wright

Absent/Excused: Jill Browning, Rob Cramer, Angie Richards,

The Vestry entered session at 7:00 and opened with prayer.

Opening Prayer: Mark

Information Sharing and Updates:

Monocacy Valley Charter School leasing 8/23 – 10/15 (Catherine)

Start date moved to 8/28

Vickie has met with a wide variety of people in the Monocacy Valley Charter School will be leasing 6 classrooms and the Parish Hall for a month to two months. All room conflicts have been moved. Only challenge, all adults and staff must move to other restrooms. The restrooms restricted will be the ones in the Parish Hall, Court Street classroom hall and staff hall Monday through Friday. Rent will be \$2500/month.

Parking spaces (Mark)

The Buildings & Grounds committee decided through their research they could create legally big enough and enough accessible spaces. This will hopefully make the parking area more efficient and used in a better way. The Over The Hill Gang will add spaces. There will be 1 handicap and 7 regular spaces.

Grant Applications (Mark)

Mark has put together a team of Scarlett Gibb, Sara Gibson, and John Aulls. Mark is putting together a project plan and what our funding needs are. May be more than one application. The main goal is to upgrade the physical and electronic security of the building. Ball park needed \$50,000 to \$60,000.

Counters needed (Sharon)

We need counters for September, October, November, and December. Signup sheet was distributed.

Voting Agenda:

August Consent Agenda – (Mark)

Michael King motioned that we adopt the consent agenda. Waymon Wrigth seconded. Motion carried.

St. Mary's Request – (Catherine)

St. Mary's is requesting permission to offer food as a fundraiser for Candlemas on Saturday, Feb. 3rd (coincides with the Fire and Ice Festival). All proceeds will go to St. Mary's Chapter.

Jody Deveney motioned we approve St. Mary's permission to offer food as a fundraiser for Candlemas, Hilary

Pettigrew seconded it. Motion carried.

Discussion: Ice Sculpture will that be covered by St. Mary's if they have one this year? That discussion will be held by St. Mary's.

Audit 2022 for 2021 – (Sharon)

The Vestry commissioned an audit and we have received the report. And the issues were researched and have been documented and resolved. Next audit will be a transactional audit.

Rachel Querry motioned that the vestry has received the audit report and accepted the resolutions. Toni Serini seconded. Motion carried.

Stewardship budget Request (Rachel)

A budget was not approved for a stewardship campaign. Last year we slimmed down, but this year we plan on doing more. There will be a meal catered for a celebration. We also anticipate some expenses for decoration and expenses. The request is for \$4500 to cover all expenses. Waymon Wriugh motioned to approve the \$4500 expense request, Michael King seconded. Motion carried.

Angela's Housing Allowance – (Catherine)

Waymon Wright motioned:

Whereas the Rev. Angela Furlong is employed as a minister of the Gospel by All Saints' Episcopal Church in Frederick, Maryland, which does not provide a residence for her, the Vestry resolves that of the total compensation of \$85,200 to be paid to the Rev. Angela Furlong during 2023, that \$20,000 be designated a housing allowance with the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. And be it further resolved that \$20,000 of compensation is designated as housing allowance for this and all future years, unless otherwise provided.

Leo Laryea seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Youth Wish List (Angela)

Rob Cramer suggested an addition to this request, a pager system to be used in the nursery for parent notification up to a \$1000. Also, an extra carpet for up to \$60 will be added to additional request.

Toni Serini motioned we use The Ann Cramer Memorial Restricted Fund for up to \$1500 for Youth and Nursery needs. Hiliary Pettigrew seconded. Motion carries.

CPR – Leo Laryea

Leo has found an instructor to teach this and must be a minimum of 10 people. Looks like we will have it on Sunday after Church, for leadership that has not yet been certified in CPR.

Action Items from Meeting

Action Item: Vestry members will sign up for counting.

Action Item: Catherine will have a discussion with the board of St. Mary's to see if we can have the auditing team look at the books every year for an audit.

Action Item: Leo will ask for 4 dates for CPR class on Sunday after church.

Spirit Tracker: Michael

Very agreeable meeting. Tedious subjects. Charter School and Audit. Feels like we are getting the carts on the tracks and the wheels are fitting. The feeling of moving ahead in the correct direction in order to professionally

operate the church to further the mission. The church needs to operate soundly to proceed and achieve the mission that we are here for. Being on the vestry is a real challenge to your faith as it is so business oriented and sometimes the spirit is hard to feel. Good things ahead.

Closing Prayer: Mark

Adjourned: 8:17 p.m.

