

Episcopal Church of St. Martin, Davis
Vestry Meeting Minutes
23 May 2023
7:03-9:12 PM, Parish Library

Present: Anthony Amato (Clerk), Diane Bamforth, Beth Capell (Jr. Warden), Colette Chabbott, Rev. Pamela Dolan (Rector), Kimo Kimokeo (Co-Sr. Warden), David Martin, Chris Reynolds, Honna Steissberg, Susan Stone, Neil Willits (Co-Sr. Warden), and Tom Young
Guests: Rev. Debbie Hawkins and Ven. Margaret Grayden
Absent: Ben Guthrie

Vote to Approve Draft Agenda for 23 May

A motion to approve today's agenda as amended to exclude the action item request for funding of Rise Against Hunger project was introduced (Beth), seconded (Chris) and passed unanimously.

Opening Prayer and Spiritual Practice

Rev. Pamela guided the Vestry through a "Prayer of Turning toward the Risen Christ" wherein we prayed for both ourselves and for all those lacking in hope, peace, happiness, self-worth and direction.

Vote to Approve April Minutes

A motion to approve the Vestry meeting minutes for 25 April 2023 with corrections to the attendance was introduced (Neil), seconded (David), and passed unanimously with Kimo and Chris abstaining.

Brief Discussion of April Financials

Following an overview of our monthly budget and statement of financial position, our attention was called toward the Treasurer's Report for the First Quarter of 2023 (January through March), whereby budget results, anticipated changes, and present investments and reserves were reviewed and discussed.

All-Parish Conversation II Debrief

Those who were selected to scribe for one of the small groups were asked to give a summary of their initial thoughts about how the conversation was facilitated, relay any significant comments that may have stood out, and voice their opinion as to what the next steps should or could be. In general, there was a sense among the Vestry that facilitating the second All-Parish Conversation in small groups was an effective way of getting parishioners to share their feelings who might have otherwise avoided doing so in a large forum. This format also made clear to us the wide

breadth and diversity of parishioner opinions, thoughts, and feelings concerning the question of what kind of parish we are and where St. Martin's should go moving forward.

Rector's Report

The Vestry was presented with a Rector's Report highlighting the Rector's activities and responsibilities in March and April 2023. Subsequent topics of discussion included: assessing the health and efficacy of our pastoral care team; implementing the "invite, welcome, connect" initiative in a more sustainable and effective way; the possibility of organizing small group gatherings in the fall as part of the stewardship campaign; and ideas of what to do for St. Martin's 70th anniversary.

Senior-Wardens' Report

Complications (stemming from *State* law) with regard to the Vestry's desire to change the bylaws, such that we could have between 9 and 12 members as opposed to 12 exactly. This issue will reappear at the next (2024) Annual Meeting, and may include an addendum allowing the Vestry to revise bylaws on their own.

ACTION ITEM: Vote to Repair Parking Lot Cracks

Per the request included in Building & Ground's May report, the Vestry held a vote to repair cracks in the parking lot, with the necessary cost to be taken from capital funds. A motion to approve the repairs was introduced (Chris), seconded (Diane), and passed unanimously.

Buildings & Grounds Update on Ceiling Window

In addition to an overview of the light damage sustained by the ceiling window, particular logistics regarding the window's structural design were also discussed. The potential cost is substantial, quite possibly too large to fund through our operating budget. According to the initial estimate, the window would have to be shipped out-of-state to be repaired. It is important to emphasize the fact that the structural integrity of the window is, as of now, not in question. The cross which hangs from the ceiling was checked and reinforced during the 2011 renovation.

ACTION ITEM: Vote Regarding Trash Enclosure Information Request

A motion to:

- A. Formally convey our appreciation for the diligence with which Building & Grounds has consolidated and conveyed to us information pertaining to the possible improvement or relocation of the trash enclosure; and
- B. Gather whatever additional information is necessary in order to support a final decision; was introduced (Beth), seconded (Susan), and passed unanimously.

Concerning Rise Against Hunger Funding Request

Due to a disruption in committee leadership, the consensus of Social Justice & Outreach is to put off a request for funding of a Rise Against Hunger Easter initiative for now.

Upcoming Vestry Dates

- Tuesday, June 13: June Vestry meeting @ 7:00 pm
- Sunday, June 18: Pamela's last day before sabbatical
- Tuesday, July 25: July Vestry meeting @ 7:00 pm
- Next year's Vestry retreat date: First weekend of March (1st-3rd) @ the Mercy Center in Auburn

Vote to Approve Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the consent agenda for next month was introduced (Neil), seconded (Anthony), and passed unanimously.

Closing Prayer

Deacon Margaret led the Vestry in a beautiful closing prayer.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:12 pm

Anthony G. Amato
Vestry Clerk

08/29/2023
Date