

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY

June 16, 2021

The regular meeting of the Vestry of Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church convened on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 4:30 via ZOOM.

Vestry members in attendance were Blair Oden, Senior Warden; Stacey Malcolmson, Junior Warden; Richard D'Antoni, Warden-at-Large; George Baldwin, Louise Griffeth, Hallie Lawrence, John McFarland, Jr., Steve McKenney, Holly Pena, Darrel Rice, Carol Roehrig, Jack Rubarth, Ginger Sager and Erica Sartain.

Ex-officio members in attendance included The Rev. Dr. Chris Girata, Rector; Janice Bywaters, Treasurer, and Nancy Wilbur, Clerk. Others in attendance were Rob Baber, Christian Basel, The Rev. Ken Brannon, Steve Haal, Colleen O'Hara, Cassie Pericak, Meredith Rose and Stewart Thomas.

Stacey Malcolmson gave the prayer, and Blair Oden welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order. Blair asked if everyone had read the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any comments. He then made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, and George Baldwin seconded it. The motion passed.

### RECTOR'S REPORT

Chris introduced Christian Basel as the new Curate at Saint Michaels. Christian recently graduated from seminary, and he will be a transitional deacon for 6 months while learning and preparing for his priestly ordination later this year. Going forward, Saint Michael's hopes to have a new curate every 2-3 years. Christian has had experience working both with the youth and adults as well as in communications. He said that he is excited to be here and thanked us for having him. Chris mentioned that Greg Pickens is working on developing an Engagement Ministry that includes reworking and redoing the greeting program that now exists. He asked that anyone who is outgoing and interested to sign up to greet before our services.

### SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Blair told the Vestry that there is ongoing research of ways to create additional parking at Saint Michaels. He asked Colleen O'Hara to give us a report. Colleen said that they are considering several different options for additional parking: One is parking in an office building two blocks away on Douglas using a shuttle that would operate between the church and the building. Second, would be a temporary parking lot located on the West field; and third, the use of a valet service on the south side of the church at the porte cochere entrance. The Valet service could also be used for large events such as funerals and weddings. Colleen said that work will begin shortly to increase Handicapped Parking at the South entrance to 7 spaces as well as having 2 temporary parking spaces. The Campus Construction Committee will be attending the August Vestry meeting to give an update on their activities and their budget.

Blair addressed the upcoming formation of a nominating committee to nominate new members for the 2022 Vestry. Meredith will soon be posting the nomination forms. He asked that everyone be thinking about well-qualified people who are engaged and have business acumen as well as experience in

strategic thinking. The nominating committee will be made up of the retiring 5 Vestry members who are Blair Oden, Stacey Malcolmson, George Baldwin, Steve McKenney and Hallie Lawrence plus four appointed members. Chris added that we should be encouraged to recruit people that we know who are well qualified to fulfill the roles of those stepping down.

#### JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – no report

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Rob Baber gave the Stewardship report for Caroline Marak who was absent. Rob said that there continues to be a lot of activity going on as they are preparing for their annual campaign in conjunction with the Capital Campaign. The Stewardship Committee will have a retreat at the end of the summer, and they are continuing work on their current stewardship pledges.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Janice Bywaters, Treasurer reported on the Finance Committee meeting Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting began with a \$75,000 fund solicitation request from the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show & Reception Committee. The request will cover show and reception expenses with any net proceeds going to the WOSM Gifts Committee. The show will replace the bi-annual parish party and will be reminiscent of the show presented 40 years ago when parishioners wrote and performed the show. The request was approved.

Financials for the 5 months ending 5/30/2021 look better than last month. Current year pledges are still less than \$200M below budget, prior year pledges are \$75M ahead of budget therefore the 5 months ended \$140M below budget. Several factors needed to be understood. First, June revenue is tracking ahead of May. Secondly, conversations with parishioners indicate this is a timing difference and not a philosophical difference. Expenses continue to be under budget. Once a Director of Engagement is hired, it is expected that monthly budgeted expenses will more closely match actual expenses.

The 5-month period ended with budgeted revenue over expenses showing a \$16M negative variance.

#### OLD/NEW BUSINESS

George Baldwin said that there was no M&O report this month as the April meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. He did say that M&O is working on initiatives for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and there will be more details coming as they have them. Blair also mentioned that the B&G report has information about the tree removal on Colgate.

Blair ended the meeting by reminding everyone that there is no meeting in July, and we shall be meeting in person at the church on August 18.

Blair called for the meeting to be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Wilbur  
Clerk of the Vestry

