

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Vestry of Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church was called to order at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, September 18, 2024, by Senior Warden Kelly Reddell, in the Collins Building at Park Cities Baptist Church. Before the meeting, the service of Evening Prayer was held with the Rev. Dr. Chris Girata officiating.

Members in attendance were Kelly Reddell, Senior Warden; Carol Goglia, Junior Warden; Dee Ann Anigian, Warden-at-Large; Julie Allen, Stuart Brown, James Carry, Eric Gilmour, Keller Webster, and Hudson Weichsel.

Ex officio members in attendance were the Rev. Dr. Chris Girata, Rector; Becky Odlozil, Treasurer; Diana Bowen, Chancellor; and Mary Louise Hopson, Clerk. Also in attendance were the Rev. Dr. Andrew Grosso, Colleen O'Hara, Meredith Turner, and Bhavnita Masih.

James Carry led the Vestry in prayer.

Kelly noted several important dates on the Vestry calendar, including the September 29 Feast of Saint Michael activities, the October 23 Vestry meeting with social, the October 26 Fall Vestry Retreat, and the October 27 annual meeting with special meeting of the Vestry to ratify the elections immediately thereafter.

CONSENT AGENDA

Kelly noted that there had been no requests to remove items from the Consent Agenda for further discussion (August 21, 2024, minutes and Standing Committee, Affiliate, and Community Partner reports). Kelly inquired of the group again if there were any such requests, and there were none. Keller Webster moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as written. Hudson Weichsel seconded, and after a vote the motion was adopted unanimously.

RECTOR'S REPORT – CHRIS GIRATA

Stewardship: The campaign will kick off September 29 and will continue for four months. Stewardship packets, with content particular to each family, will be mailed out next week. The goal is to increase pledges 4% next year. Among challenges to the budget is a cost inflation rate of 25%. Chris added that parishioners want to know what the church needs so that they can participate in fulfilling the campaign goals.

October 26 Fall Vestry Retreat: The retreat agenda will include a strategic look at discipleship, to identify how this work will be structured.

Chris noted that the Standing Committee structure is working well. As more leaders are engaged, there are more opportunities to identify and recruit others to participate in the church's ministries.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT– KELLY REDDELL

Stewardship: Kelly asked that Vestry members make their pledges before the October Vestry meeting, which will enhance efforts to tell others about the importance of participating in the campaign.

Nomination Committee Update: Kelly praised the work of the committee, citing the experience and variety of insights, perceptions, and opinions during the process, which resulted in an excellent slate of nominees. Dee Ann Anigian noted Kelly's outstanding leadership and expressed appreciation for her prayerful, careful, thoughtful, and thorough approach to the process.

PROPOSED NOMINATIONS:

2025 Vestry Class

Terry Demler

Elizabeth Gambrell

Amanda Harris

Jack Marshallsea

J. Puckett

2025 Diocesan Candidates

Michael Cosby

Ryan Kneipper

Paul Talbot

2025 Diocesan Alternate Candidates

Joe Bumpas

Jack Sears

2025 All Angels Foundation Trustees Class

Katherine Blachly

Tony Briggie

Nita Clark

Eric Conner

Russell Weinberg

Keller Webster moved to approve the proposed nominees as set forth. Carol Goglia seconded, and after a vote the motion passed unanimously.

Kelly thanked Carol Goglia for her valuable assistance in enhancing the process and rubric for the nominations process including expanded consideration of discipleship.

TREASURER'S REPORT – BECKY ODLOZIL

Becky Odlozil, Treasurer, called attention to the Statement of Activities on p. 17 of the packet that indicated \$4.7 million in Revenue Available, or \$85,000 ahead of budget, mostly due to pledge revenue.

On the expense side, expenses are just short of \$5 million, which is lower than budget by \$100,000.

Year-to-date, expenses exceeded revenue by \$215,000. Shortages are anticipated in the late summer and fall months. Given this, \$400,000 was budgeted as a shortfall for this period; however, actual results were \$185,000 better than the anticipated budget.

Statements of Financial Position:

As of August month-end, there were no material changes from the July view with \$105 million in assets on the Unrestricted Statement and \$4 million in assets on the Restricted Statement.

Pritchard & Associates construction management report:

Regarding the document as included in the packet on p. 25, the project management budget includes payments through September 9. Of the \$75 million budgeted, about 25%, or \$17 million, has been incurred.

Kelly then adjourned the regular meeting and moved the meeting into Executive Session at 5:06 p.m. Kelly then moved the meeting out of Executive Session and back into regular session at 5:07 p.m. There being no further business, Kelly adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Louise C. Hopson

Clerk of the Vestry