

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Vestry
April 27, 2023; held in the library

1. Fr. Christopher declared a **quorum** and called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm. Vestry members in attendance were: Fr. Christopher McLaren, Rector; Dave Aley, Diane Ball, Blythe Clark, Darcie Farrow, Barry Hogge, George McJimsey, and Lucy Sinkular. Absent Vestry members were Ty Camp and Amanda Wright. Clerk Deb Bluestone was present. There were no visitors.
2. Fr. Christopher conducted **Spiritual and Relational Formation** as a time for individual sharing.
3. Barry made a motion to pass the **consent agenda**. The motion was duly seconded, and the agenda consisted of acceptance of the March 30, 2023 Vestry Minutes, receipt of the March 2023 Financial Report, and receipt of the Schlenker & Cantwell Audit for 2021 and 2022. **The motion passed unanimously.**
4. **Reports of Officers, Boards & Standing Committees:**
 - a. Clergy Report: Fr. Christopher
 - i. Holy Week highlights included 150 people at the Easter Vigil, and St. Mark's first immersion baptism.
 - ii. Tricia Morton, Director of St. Mark's Montessori School, recently resigned, and a search is underway for her replacement.
 - iii. Fr. Christopher is planning a sabbatical, length TBD, possibly during Summer 2024. The Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande "Clergy Sabbatical Policy" was recently emailed to Vestry members, to be reviewed during the May 25, 2023 Vestry meeting. Other upcoming clergy time off includes Deacon David's three Sundays away in May.
 - iv. Karen McDaniel – the date of the Celebration for the Altar Guild Directress is still pending. It was noted that Karen served at every COVID church service for two years.
 - v. The work of the Building Renewal Committee continues to go well. The BRC is actively searching for an architect and its selection will be brought to the Vestry for approval. The BRC is also searching for an organ consultant and acousticians.
 - b. Senior Warden Report: Lucy
 - i. The date under consideration for the Charmuzel Dudt gift is May 7.
 - ii. A survey was emailed to Vestry members re: possible dates for a Vestry potluck dinner.
 - iii. Lucy made a motion respecting clergy vacation. After a second and discussion, Lucy withdrew the motion and offered a new motion that the Vestry authorize the Senior Warden to write a draft of an email to the Clergy emphasizing the importance of vacation time and extending Vestry support so Clergy can have needed restorative time. The letter will be circulated to the Vestry before being emailed. **The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**
 - iv. Vestry Commissions status report and update (*see table below*).

Commissions for Each Vestry Member	
<i>Building the Future at St. Mark's</i>	
Area of Ministry or Responsibility	Person
Senior Warden	Lucy
Jr. Warden – Facilities	Ty
Stewardship	Lucy
Finance	Barry
Servants of Worship	
Altar Guild	George
Acolytes	
AV	
Chalice Bearers & Eucharistic Ministers	Lucy/Katey Breen
Adult Formation	Diane
Lectors for Worship	
Youth and Family Ministry	
Hospitality/Fellowship	
Pastoral Care	
Personnel/HR	
Welcoming, Membership. "Invite + Welcome + Connect"	
Community Life/Celebrations	Darcie
Arts and Music	
Outreach Ministry	

- c. Junior Warden Report: Fr. Christopher provided this month's report.
- i. Ty Camp continues to check in with Stretch Cole regarding Fix-It Group projects.
 - ii. The Parish Hall craft closet remodel is underway.
 - iii. Jennifer is working on bids for a cleaning company, as increased use of the facility has created the challenge of keeping everything consistently clean.
 - iv. The bathroom addition in the school is almost finished – under budget – and is moving towards the inspection stage.
 - v. St. Mark's may have to replace the fire panel with a total fire panel upgrade.
- d. Finance Committee: Barry
- i. There is no motion this month.
 - ii. There are some new members on the committee, with the associated "new members learning curve."
5. **Unfinished Business**: Fr. Christopher
- a. Technicians from Colorado-based Mountain States Pipe Organ Service stopped at St. Mark's today while on business in Albuquerque to assess the church organ. They will return in June to fix everything they can over a two-day period. They were optimistic and encouraging about the organ's condition and future. This was good news for

Director of Music Jeremy Wirths, who had to manage some distressing tuning problems on the fly with the organ throughout Holy Week.

b. There was no other unfinished business.

6. **New Business:**

No additional business.

7. **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**

a. The next Vestry meeting is Thursday evening, May 25, 2023 @ St. Mark's.

8. **Closing Prayer:** Fr. Christopher.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Deb Bluestone, Clerk to the Vestry.

MINUTES APPROVED:



Fr. Christopher McLaren, Rector



Lucy Sinkular, Senior Warden