The Vestry of Calvary Episcopal Church

Sept. 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Term Expires:

January 2024January 2025January 2026Philip Zanghi, Sr. WardenDebbie PohlerJohn BradshawMarian BriscoeGreg BethkeDavid CookBrandon CampbellRick LaneOscar LozanoMeagan MilfordFred Steinkamp, Jr. WardenSonia McGrath

Ex-officio members

Scott McLemore, *Treasurer*Kathy Haley, *Clerk*Bill Daw, *Chancellor*Rev. Nancy Wilkes, Deacon
Rev. Jeremy Bradley, Curate
Rev. Ralph B. Morgan, Rector

Vestry Members Absent: Meagan Milford

The meeting opened in prayer by Fr. Ralph at 6:30pm.

Debbie gave the devotion.

Business

Review & Approve Minutes – A motion to accept the minutes of the Aug. 8, 2023 vestry meeting was made by Rick and seconded by Fred. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Marion gave the treasurer's report. There is a discrepancy in the report on the last line saying the YTD revenue exceeds the budget by \$87,584.81. The actual YTD number should be \$66,530.74. A motion to accept the report as amended was made by John and seconded by Greg. The motion passed.

Rector's Report – Fr. Ralph Morgan. See attached report.

Fred & Oscar will review the proposed Rental Policy and come with recommendations to the October vestry meeting.

The vestry nomination committee will be Phillip, Marion, Debbie and Oscar. The elections are November 12th.

The new school board appointments are Frank Plut, Alex Vakulenko and Mike Zanghi. These appointments need to be approved by the vestry. A motion to approve the appointments of Frank Plut, Alex Vakulenko and Mike Zanghi to the CEP school board was made by Brandon and seconded by Marion. The motion passed.

Formation

The vestry is encouraged to come up with ways for the church to be more involved in the community outside our walls and the school community. The Sunday night service is up to the attendance as it was at the Saturday night service. On the second Sunday of the month, there will be a potluck dinner after the 5pm service.

Old Business - No old business

<u>New Business</u> – There was a discussion on how to break up the VPOD assignments for the Sunday night service. Since not enough of the VPODS have done the rotation with the new Sunday night service, the discussion was tabled for the October meeting.

Closing – The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm. Rev. Jeremy led the closing prayer.

Action Items

- o Provide an estimate on the timing of when the Sanctuary roof needs to be replaced Philip.
- Fred & Oscar will review the proposed Rental Policy and come with recommendations to the October vestry meeting.
- The vestry is encouraged to come up with ways for the church to be more involved in the community outside our walls and the school community.

Completed Action Items

- ✓ Parish wide communication letter giving an update on the capital campaign. Fr. Ralph
- ✓ Continue discussion on moving Saturday evening's worship service to Sunday evening. Vestry
- ✓ Parish wide communication letter giving an update on the renovation project. Philip to prepare, Vestry to review. Postponed until after the annual giving campaign.

- Welcome back!
 - o I've heard everything went well while I was gone. I knew it would.
 - Any feedback on the Attack Poverty Presentation?
 - o My trip was great. Still trying to figure out the whole cruise thing?
- Speaking of cruises- I heard there is some talk about an Alaskan Cruise in 2024
 - o This is something that Terri and I have been trying to do since before Covid
 - This is NOT a church wide offering, although anyone interested in going is welcome to go.
 - We talked about NOT doing a trip in 2024 to Israel because of the capital campaign.
 - Terri and Paula Grossman, not being a part of the Vestry discussion didn't realize
 that so they put the word out that we were going on this trip and someone said
 let's make it a church wide trip.
 - Long story short, all that PR has been pulled and only a few couples are going, much like our trip last week. Not a church wide trip, but anyone can go if they want to sign up with the cruise company.
 - Work will start in January on plans for a trip to Israel and that information will be coming out early next year for a trip in 2025.
 - o I'm sorry for this misunderstanding.
- On that same note, are there any thoughts about our social gatherings that are being planned? There seems to be lots of excitement about some of the offerings that are going on.
- Rental Policy for our Buildings and Grounds
 - o I have never found a set policy for fees for renting our facilities
 - o People go to Suzette, Suzette comes to me, we randomly pick a fee
 - o We have come up with what we think would be a fair schedule that I would like for you to review. Fred if you can Oscar would look this over and then make a formal recommendation at our next meeting, please.
- Stewardship notes:
 - o Our theme this year is "Rooted in Faith"
 - Our committee has been meeting regularly for a few months now: Amber Z, Kathy H, Anna S, Jeremy Band myself and we are using The Episcopal Networks Stewardship materials.
 - o We have chosen the scripture: Colossians 2:7
 - "Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.
 - o The date for the Stewardship dinner will be November 17 with commitment Sunday on the 19th.
 - o The Swinging Door threw a wrench into our plans, but we think we have found a great alternative. We are booked with a BBQ menu at Brookwood Community.
 - We will also use our school busses to help with those who don't want to drive there at night.
 - o John and Dorothy Lyons will be our Honorary Chairs.

- Vestry elections: It's time to put together a new slate of candidates to run for the 24-27 vestry team. I would like to appoint our two outgoing *Vestry* persons, Philip, and Marion along with one from the middler group, Debbie and one from the Junior group, Oscar as our nominations committee. I will chair this committee and call for a meeting in the next few weeks.
 - o Both Brandon and Meagan are on the out going group but are both eligible for renomination.
 - Election to be held November 12th
- School board appointments:
 - o These need to be approved appointments by the vestry
 - Frank Plut for a three-year term
 - Alex Vakulenko for a three-year term
 - And Mike Zanghi
 - o Then as an FYI, Dr. May Tape was elected to serve a three-year team from outside the community. She is a former parent of a CEP student and very active in the community.

Rev. Ralph B. Morgan, Rector Calvary Episcopal Church, Richmond