

**Episcopal Church of there Advent
Vestry Meeting Minutes - May 19,2024**

Sr. Warden L. Price opened the meeting with prayer at noon.

Attendance:

Present: M. Francis, D. Hammond, P. Kelly, L. Morier, J. Morrison, L. Price, J. Rutenberg, N. Smith-Wong, S. Werth. Absent: A. Gloria, R. Hudson, Fr. A. Leonard,

Minutes:

Motion to approve the Vestry minutes of April 21, 2024 made by S. Werth and seconded by L. Morier. Approved by the Vestry.

Treasurer's Report:

No report due to the passing of Sherrie Maah's mother. L. Price indicated that a report will be available for the next Vestry meeting. He mentioned that all bills have been paid and that no money has been moved from the credit line.

Rector's Report:

No report due to Fr. A. Leonard's sabbatical.

Senior Warden's Report:

L. Price thanked all those who have helped the supply priests during Fr. A. Leonard's sabbatical. He noted that services have been held without any major problems. He developed a protocol for opening the church and receiving the priests. He reported that the church organist has been receiving a travel allowance of \$50/week and was unsure if this was part of the negotiated fee for his services. This will be discussed with Fr. A. Leonard upon his return from sabbatical.

Junior Warden's Report:

N. Smith-Wong indicated that there have been no major issues with property management. She has continued to pursue Venmo use despite multiple obstacles. She has also been working on a money management flow chart as part of the development of an investment policy for the church. This will be presented to the Vestry at a later meeting.

Old Business:

1. There continues to be a move to consolidate multiple checking accounts to be discussed with the Finance Committee.
2. J. Rutenberg indicated that a flyer with church contact information has been placed at the back of the church for existing parishioners and newcomers.
3. L. Price noted that parishioner database questionnaires and anonymous visioning surveys developed after the Vestry Retreat have been sent to all church members to update our database and help plan for our future needs. Several Vestry members have agreed to review the visioning surveys for a future presentation to the Vestry and eventual sharing with the congregation.
4. The financial status of the Alter Guild was again discussed and will be further defined in the Finance Committee.

New Business:

See Wardens's Reports.

Committee Reports:

1. Pastoral Care/Evangelism - S. Werth distributed a beautifully executed informational card about Church of the Advent to be placed in lodgings in Cape May. She also suggested having receptions for long time church members who are leaving the area well in advance of their actual move.
2. ECW - The Spring Market did reasonably well considering rainy weather during the event. Thanks was offered to all who participated including the support from ECM.
3. ECM - Planning for pancake breakfasts has started. These will tentatively be held on the third Saturday of the month over the summer, the first Saturday in September, and Columbus Day weekend.
4. Scholarship - One grant has been distributed.
5. Stewardship - J. Rutenberg again mentioned the informational flyer placed at the back of the church. New members need to be identified for the Church Buddies program.

Next Vestry Meeting: June 16, 2024

Adjournment:

There being no other items for discussion on the agenda, a motion was made for adjournment by D. Hammond and seconded by L. Morier. Motion approved by the Vestry.

Respectfully submitted

**Joel Rutenberg
Clerk of the Vestry**