

ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
12663 Perkins Road
Baton Rouge, LA. 70810

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2024, | 6:30 PM

In attendance: Fr. Tommy Dillon, Jay Weber, Michele Fuselier, Amy Warrington, Ross Young (ZOOM), Dayna Wheatley, Ronny Daley, Sujuan Boutte, Rick Lipscomb, Paul Allman, Jack Warner.

Fr. Tommy opened with evening prayer.

Fr. Tommy called the Vestry meeting to Order.

Approval of March Vestry Minutes:

- Motion – Rick Lipscomb, 2nd – Ronny Daley

Sr. Warden Report: Rick Lipscomb

- Shared that the 3D camera work of the sanctuary has been completed by his team.

Jr. Warden Report: Ronny Daley

- The freezer has been repaired. Not freezing due to the fan going out.
- Trees have been removed.
- More plumbing backups. Called Roto-Rooter on March 9th, found another clean out drain outside, Same problems.
- Montessori School will be adding a wood pergola to help during the hot months so the kids can play outside.
- New planters have been installed along the breezeway.
- Due to dumping of trash behind the trash dump, I will be getting a quote to have the items removed to stop the dumping.

Future Projects:

- Five sheets of plywood will have to be replaced under the breezeway and painted.
- Sanctuary wood doors will need maintenance this year. Last time this was done was Fall of 2020. Just varnish needs to be applied. This will prevent cracking and wood splitting.

Treasurer's Report: Jack Warner

- \$70,737.55, cash in bank
- Net assets, \$538,807.83
- The endowment brochure is ready. Balance at end of March market value - \$10,932.00
- Motion to return the \$5000 borrowed from savings. Motion – Paul Allman, 2nd – Jay Weber
- Motion to move Men's group balance of \$831.82 to checking account. Motion – Ronny Daley, 2nd – Rick Lipscomb
- Motion to move Spin Ministry balance of \$234.02 to Outreach Ministry. Motion – Rick Lipscomb, 2nd – Jay Weber.

Rector's Report: Fr. Tommy Dillon

- Upcoming Ordination and Synod Events: • I am honored to announce my attendance at Austin Rios's ordination as Bishop of California on May 4th, followed by the Province IV Synod from May 8th to 10th at Kanuga. Canon Morgan MacIntire will preside and preach during the services on May 5th.
- La Mesa Fundraiser and Nuevo Amanecer Scholarship: We are eager to organize a La Mesa Fundraiser this summer. Additionally, Danielle and I have been granted a \$600 scholarship to attend the Nuevo Amanecer in June. 3.
- Episcopal School Services and Episcopal 101 Class: This week, I have the privilege of presiding at the Episcopal School twice for Holy Eucharist, strengthening our ties with the school community. Our Episcopal 101 class begins this Wednesday with 10 enthusiastic participants. Joan and I will coteach, providing a comprehensive introduction to our faith tradition.
- Earth Day Celebration: As Earth Day approaches, we're planning a special event in the garden this Sunday. I'll offer a blessing, emphasizing our duty to care for God's creation and the importance of environmental stewardship.
- Pastoral Care Update: Our pastoral care team continues to provide support to those in need. Let's keep our ill community members in our thoughts and prayers during this time.
- Acknowledgements from St. Luke's and Rainbow World Fund: • Heartfelt thank-you notes from St. Luke's and Rainbow World Fund have been received for donations made from my 20th anniversary collection. It's heartening to see our generosity making a difference beyond our community.
- La Mesa concludes for this semester this Sunday, with post-gatherings planned.

- The Newcomers' dinner is scheduled for April 28th.
- Bowling with the Bishop will also be on April 28th.
- St. Margaret's will host and I will lead a Vestry retreat at St. Luke's on April 27th.
- Holy Week and Easter Attendance Comparison:

Event	2022	2023	2024
Palm Sunday	130	121	146
Maundy Thurs	38	35	45
Good Friday	39	42	45
Stations	13	10	15
Good Friday	37	30	44
Holy Saturday	14	10	15
Vigil	55	72	81
Easter Day	140	170	140

Old Business

- Disaster preparedness is scheduling a security plan with assistance from Homeland Security.

New Business

- Sujua Boutte will assume the Stewardship role. Many thanks to Amy Warrington for the blessing she has been as the Stewardship coordinator for the past 3 years.
- Michele Fuselier will send out a survey for Ministry Team Leaders, this week.

Amy Warrington led a discussion on Chapter 2 from Canoeing the Mountain.

Meeting was closed with Prayer by Fr. Tommy.

Margaret's Episcopal Church is a joyful community, grounded in the love of Christ that welcomes and includes ALL with meaningful worship, service to the community, and commitment to growing as faithful Christians.