

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

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2024, | 6:30 PM

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

Guest attendance: Maureen Westgard, Keith Duplechain

Fr. Tommy opened with Devotion.

Fr. Tommy called the Vestry meeting to Order.

Approval of January Vestry Minutes:

- Motion – Amy Warrington, 2nd – Rick Lipscomb

Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes:

- Motion – Sujuan Boutte 2nd – Ronny Daley

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes:

- Motion – Dayna Wheatley 2nd – Michele Fuselier

Endowment Fund Committee report – Maureen Westgard, Keith Duplechain, Jack Warner

- Quarterly update on Episcopal Church Foundation
 - Plans to establish a Legacy Society
 - Plans to schedule a Legacy Sunday

Sr. Warden Report: Rick Lipscomb

- Parish Retreat- 27 attendees, beautiful setting, and a special time, Recommends everyone attend.

Jr. Warden Report: Ronny Daley

- Both floor drains backed up and flooded both restrooms. Called Sunshine Plumbing & Backflow Prevention. Cost \$379.95. The problem was found once again to be feminine products being flushed down the toilets, also after running a camera, discovered the cleanout outside will need to be fixed because of sinking pipes and wrong fittings used.
- Light fixture in Fr. Tommy's vestment room was changed out and is now LED.
- Received a tree removal quote to remove the five dead pine trees. \$2500.00 to cut down and remove. Needs approval. Motion – Paul Allman, 2nd – Jay Weber, Approved. to cut down trees and use funds from the Capital Building Fund.
- The 4-foot ceiling light in the men's room has been converted to hard wire LED. Cost to convert FREE.
- Future Projects:
 - 5 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

- \$69,945.20, cash in bank
- Net assets, \$538,807.83
- Income YTD – 113% of Budget
- Jay Weber inquired about \$2000 from Brown Paper Tickets, to replenish savings. Per Fr. Tommy, expected in March.

Rector's Report: Fr. Tommy Dillon

- Highest Ash Wednesday attendance on record
- La Mesa Attendance, 41. LSU students have offered to assist with tutoring.
- Carla Duplantier showed LA Mesa video at St. James and other churches to raise awareness and funding.
- Sandra Shipp is helping Fr. Tommy with tasks that free up his time.
- Pastoral Care team is thriving.
- Offering items to St. Luke's to assist with services. Inventory is being kept.
- Together BR. Jenny Hastings is working on caregiving and empathy around "How to Build a Resilient Community."
- Fr. Tommy is working with group to abolish the death penalty in Louisiana.

Old Business

- Vestry Retreat is approaching.
- Ron Daley sent out updated procedures list for Vestry Person of the Day.
- Ross Young provided an update for the AV system in Sanctuary.
 - Cameras have been adjusted to accommodate new seating arrangements during Lent.
 - CWS has been contacted to run audio cable from sound room to back of sanctuary.

New Business

- Dayna Wheatly inquired about a potential mural on the main wall in Lyle Hall. The wall needs to be repaired before any decision can be made. Fr. Tommy mentioned artwork, instead.
- The 2023 Parochial Report was distributed, reviewed, and signed by Jay Weber, Jack Warner, and Fr. Tommy Dillon.

Meeting was closed with Prayer by Fr. Tommy.