

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

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2024, | 6:30 PM

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

Absent: Paul Allman

Opening Devotion – Fr. Tommy

Fr. Tommy called the Vestry meeting to Order.

Approval of May Vestry Minutes:

- Motion – Sujuan Boutte, 2nd – Ronny Daley

Sr. Warden Report: Rick Lipscomb

- Fr. Dan Hopkins has joined our congregation and provided the sermon for Sunday's mass, June 2nd.
- We had the Sunday celebration of graduates.
- The congregation wore red in celebration of Pentecost.
- The young families will meet in the playground for a group picnic after Mass.
- The prayer shawl crochet circle is held every Tuesday at 10am in Lyle Hall.
- LaMesa meets every Sunday at 4pm in Lyle Hall.
- Healing Mass on Wednesdays at 5:30pm
- Sunday June 9th, Parent's Day – celebrating diverse families, picnic in Meditation Garden.
- Saturday June 29th B.R. Pride festival – asking for volunteers for booth at River Center.
- Elizabeth Whitley and Paul Allman will marry, Saturday June 8th.
- Lester Mut's ordination as Deacon will be held June 10th.

Jr. Warden Report: Ronny Daley

- All nine A/C units have been serviced. One unit was low by 2 pounds of refrigerant, unit will be rechecked in fall, and if low again, will need to be replaced.
- The trash behind and on the sides of dumpster has been removed.
- KidCam is off to a great start, averaging 75 kids between 9 and 3 with another 30 for after care.
- **Future Projects**
 - We are having Altar handrails designed and getting bids.

Treasurer's Report: Jack Warner

- \$64,534.49, cash in bank.
- \$752,200.24 Total Fixed Assets
- Income is down for May.

Rector's Report: Fr. Tommy Dillon

- Nuevo Amanecer Gathering: From June 3-6, Danielle Thomas, Handy, Cecelia, Lucas Acosta, and I represented St. Margaret's at the Nuevo Amanecer gathering at Kanuga. Over 300 Latino Episcopalians came together for this event. We made valuable connections, and there is a potential opportunity to apply for a \$5,000 grant for La Mesa, thanks to a contact we made there.
- Security Grant Request: Sandra and I submitted the Security Grant request on May 24, just two hours before the deadline. We requested \$115,477 to cover contract security guards, CCTV cameras, key fob entry, and an iron fence around the property. Sandra deserves commendation for her dedication and hard work to ensure our submission was accurate and timely. We expect to hear back later this summer.
- Funeral for Pat Lyle: Pat Lyle's funeral was a beautiful service, attended by 160 people. We are grateful for the funds being donated to St. Margaret's endowment fund in her memory.
- Paul and Elizabeth's Wedding: Last Saturday, we hosted Paul and Elizabeth's wedding with approximately 150 attendees. It was a joyous occasion for all involved.

- Les' Ordination: We will host Les' ordination on Monday, which is expected to be a full house event.
- Pride Mass: I will be preaching at the Pride Mass at St. Anna's Church on Thursday, June 13, at 6 PM. Bishop Duckworth will preside over the service.
- Pride Booth for Inclusive Louisiana: We need volunteers to staff the Pride Booth for Inclusive Louisiana on Saturday, June 29, from 12-5 PM at the BR River Center.
- 2025 ECW Diocesan Meeting: St. Margaret's has agreed to host the 2025 ECW Diocesan Meeting for two days. Our members will collaborate with other women in the deanery to organize this event, which typically attracts around 100 attendees, including the bishop.
- Endowment Group Meeting: I met with the endowment group, and we are preparing documents to be sent out in July. We plan to have Legacy Sunday on July 21 as a kickoff event.
- Wild Goose Festival: I will have a Zoom meeting on Wednesday with those interested in joining a group from St. Margaret's for the Wild Goose Festival, which will take place from July 11-14 near Statesville, NC. So far, eight members of our church are planning to attend.
- General Convention: I will be attending the General Convention as one of the four clergy deputies elected from our diocese from June 20-29. Fr Dan Hopkins will preside and preach for that Sunday.
- 4th of July Holiday: The office will be closed for the 4th of July holiday from July 4-5.
- La Mesa Planning: Danielle Thomas and I have planned out La Mesa for the rest of the year. At the Kanuga conference, The Rev. Troy Mendez, the new Executive Director of the Episcopal Evangelism Society, expressed his willingness to come to St. Margaret's to preach and preside at La Mesa.
- Office Cleanup: On Wednesday, June 12, Sandra, and I will be cleaning and clearing out my office to make it tidier. My sister is donating a gently used sofa, which will be delivered on Sunday afternoon. We will donate the current one to Goodwill.
- End of Life Event: I will be meeting with a small group of parishioners and the parish nurse of St Luke's following this meeting to plan an end-of-life planning session here at St Margaret's using the materials entitled "5 Wishes". We will host an event on September 8 at the church.
- Thank you all for your continued dedication and support. Let us keep working together to serve our community and fulfill our mission.

Old Business

- A grant request for property security has been completed and submitted.

New Business

- No new business to report.

Closed with Prayer by Fr. Tommy.

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