

# Vestry Minutes

Thursday, April 25, 2024 6:00 PM

Darian Wigfall (ex officio), Karen Watts, Tom Schroeder, Maddie Nador, Justin Vitale, James Ammon, Angela Breeher, Ed Rahe, Laura Renshaw, Rebecca Ragland (ex officio)

## \* Motion to accept/second/discuss/vote

**Asking the questions & Opening Prayer**      RR      5 Minutes  
Review the questions from the Retreat with Canon Whitney

**Fundamentals**      DW      5 Minutes

Appoint a volunteer to keep time and keep us on topic

Assign a minute taker

\* Approve April meeting agenda James Ammon/Karen Watts Unanimous

\* Read/review/ Approve March meeting minutes Ed Rahe /Laura Renshaw- unanimous

**Presentation from Myisha Johnson**      5 Minutes

Environmental Justice Hub - St. Paul;s serving as a hub - Myesha Johnson will facilitate the work we want to do. MCU asked us to start having conversations to think about partners, specific areas of action, "issue cuts", transitions in roles - who might we advocate for EJ, Air Water Land, justicefaith.org - Provided a guideline for becoming a hub. We can participate to help advocate for people who are at risk of losing housing voucher because they can't afford their utility bills. Asking to keep the utilities assistance program to run recurrently with the Fed dollars coming next year. Ms. Johnson can help us learn how to be energy efficient in our homes/buildings. Suggested we have a presentation at the church re: home energy efficiency Homes for All - another org. Willing to come do a presentation on Home is where our health is. Next Neighborhood meeting is May 15

**Executive Director**      30 Minutes

- Bids/Table for Kelton White Grant application - request approval to apply and approval of total amount requested

DW reviewed scope of work of bids - Justin Vitali will look at the ramp into the wooden doors idea would obstruct the door; will consider viability; Replacement seating - AB asked for clarity - DW: shortened pews combined with alternative seating. Ed - chair samples were sought prior to COVID, stackable chairs. Angela Breeher - Memorial Garden - paint is peeling on stained glass windows on North Side, wrought iron fence is rusting badly, Windows are desperately in need of paint; deferred maintenance needs to be taken care of. List of items for grant

- Report back from Community Builders Network - clean up day Project Brightside provides a dumpster and volunteers for a clean up day - May 18 - 10 - 1 PM volunteers to help with brightside and parish and neighborhood. Adopt a room and general clean up. Occupancy inspection for HH - we had only three requirements - smoke detector in basement, replace missing piece of bannister at top of basement steps, and chipped paint around windows; JC Hayes will take care of rail and smoke detector next week. We could be in compliance for occupancy. Painters will bid on windows. Lowes card to purchase paint.for windows
- MCU Website on particular matter - meter - purpleair.com
- Any interest in a community garden? - CBN/Neighborhood Meetings
- Bishop, Church convening
- End Da-com contract - Contract - will consider for old business - RR will find out contract renewal date;
- Project clear - Karen Watts - neighbor got a grant to have less grass -evaluate how they can make less grass MSD sustainable plants;
- Community garden - adjacent to Heigham House - grants for raised beds, neighbors and parishioners are interested in having the garden. Small size garden of lawn - optimize the space - trellis gardens. Project it for 2025 (identify grant, apply for it, use produce for meal program)

#### Treasurer

10 minutes

- \* March report
- \* **Approve financials for March 2024**
- **Audit was done and we'll get the report soon. A couple of pledges were very high but April seems to be "coming back down to earth"**
- Stewardship update

#### Sr. Warden

5 minutes

##### Executive Session Ed Rahe, James Ammon

- Q/A on sexual harassment issue
- Did everyone read the Safe Church materials?
- First aid and medications - strongly recommended first and responses to help train folks in that - look at Red Cross; James Ammon has that training. Red Cross training class for neighbor churches - include neighborhood training;
- Delegate replacement - Sybil becomes a delegate;

#### Jr. Warden

5 minutes

- We will have a yard/garden/alley/HH clean up work day May 18 - get it publicized 10- 1 PM; will work on the windows
- Let's establish a set of severe weather/emergency action plans - meal last Thursday - Tornado and severe weather - need to have an emergency plan; fire extinguishers, Maybe we add a floor plan with maps, red dots on the map, no smoke detectors in the sanctuary system needs to be adapted.

## Rector

10 Minutes

- Newcomers brunch - Angela offered to host; Change the chapel in back of the sanctuary to a children's area? (Good Friday consideration and where to put the altar)
- Other business?

Next Meeting May 23, 6:30 PM

**Attachments (to be printed for meeting): March Minutes, Budget draft, March financial statements, Bids table**