



St Margaret's Episcopal Church Vestry

Subject: Minutes for 19 April 2022

Attending ("Z" connotes on Zoom) : Peter Mayer+ (Rector), Kristen Berthelotte (Senior Warden), Paul Shurke (Junior Warden), Elizabeth Radley (Director of Operations)Z, Katherine Wiernicki (Treasurer), David Allen, Austin Canuel, Matt Chasse, Marti EngstromZ, Alden Gross, Janice JohnZ, Elizabeth KopackZ, Chris Prender, Susan Roberts, Dan Tootle, Ernie TuckerZ, and Jim Barnett (Clerk).

Not Attending: Patti Sachs+ (Associate Rector), Kathy Lang.

Attending Via Zoom was Christine Feldman to report out from the Grant's process for this year.

This meeting was conducted in hybrid in Zoom and in person.

A Quorum was noted per the SMC Bylaws.

1. **Opening prayer was given at 7:02 pm by David Allen.**
2. **The meeting was called to order by the Rector. The March 2022 Vestry minutes were approved.**
4. **Submitted reports:**

A. The Rector's report (posted).

The monthly Report was posted to vestry prior to the meeting and stands as posted. There were no questions, additions, or deletions.

B. Treasurer's report (posted).

Teresa, the bookkeeper, has begun working remotely having completed her move to Florida. Elizabeth, Kathy, and Teresa will continue to refine the process as it evolves.

We received an unrestricted donation of \$6,000 in February and, as is custom, is currently carried as "miscellaneous income." Operating results through March 31, 2022, report revenues in excess of expenses of \$5,881. This amount is ahead of the year-to-date budget for the same period by \$10,573. Pledges continue to run behind budget by \$6,476 while donations are ahead of budget by \$7,543. Total expenses are running less than budget by \$3,356. We did experience

high electrical and heating costs due to colder temperatures and the timing of a payment on the landscaping contract.

C. Grant's Committee report (posted).

The Truth, Reconciliation, Reparations, Task Force "TRRTF" relevant category was added for this year and will be sustained. Four or five of the grants fit that category. We expect this will continue to grow.

The Committee was provided \$100,000 to work with. They received 36 requests and 14 were selected for interview. Of those 14, 12 were funded. Approximately 38% of the approved funds could be included within the TRRTF category but "this is not an exact science." Three of the funded submissions are working with migrant issues.

The Administrator of the Grants program mentioned that the Committee this year was looking for more sustaining engagement and did approve one request for two-year funding. This was consistent with the desire by the Committee to have some sort of foundational knowledge for submissions to best judge effectivity.

There are no issues foreseen with transfers of funds to foreign entities this year.

The Administrator was impressed with the connections and debate within the Committee.

MOTION: That the Grant's slate as submitted and briefed be approved by Vestry. So moved and passed unanimously.

D. Worship Report (no formal report submitted).

We are coming in really strong from a good Easter Week, as Peter+ has mentioned.

Live Streaming continues to go well. There are 40-50 views on each Sunday's service. There is now a 7-person Live Streaming team. We will schedule 2 people at a time through end of summer.

Some other things. Dealing with training for new chalice bearers, recruiting more ushers because some have been diverted to other tasks. Susan Roberts reports the Stewardship committee is considering names for a couple of new members. They plan to meet in May.

Organ update: September 30/October 2 will be Organ Dedication Weekend. Jim will be providing additional updates as we get closer to that weekend. The custom casework should be done and installed sometime before this summer.

Upcoming highlights:

The choir will continue to run through May 2022.

Sunday June 5th will be Blue Grass Mass outdoors.

TRRTF related observances will continue. On June 12th the TRR liturgy service will recognize People of Color who have been associated with our Church in the past but were not permitted full membership.

E. Junior Warden's report (posted).

Lots of folks were on hand for the Caring for Creation program April 9th.

April 30th will be Vestry Day to prepare the campus for Good Seed Sunday the following day.

There is considerable information in the JW's report with regards to the possible future installation of solar panels on and around SMC. While cost data is not complete, a company called Performance Solar has been recommended by the Episcopal Church Buildings Fund (ECBF) so that is where we started. There remain many questions yet to be answered and issues to be resolved. There is no storage capability included in this review but that could be added later.

There was a suggestion that a subcommittee of the Vestry be constituted to continue the study. Cost, schedule, and performance remain critical issues that need resolution before a full financial deliberation can be fruitful.

There remains the issue of roof deterioration remediation and asbestos removal in that process. Not just for the Parish Hall but for the other three buildings under consideration for solar panel installation.

Cost/performance trades need to be considered in the different types of solar panels/tiles as well as period of usage before recoument of the investment can be realized. Issues such as "ownership" and maintenance need to be better understood.

More details and models to follow.

E. Senior Warden's report (posted).

Thank you for Holy Week.

Good seed Sunday is scheduled for May 1st. The map and tables are pretty well set. We are looking for tent/awning structures if anyone has one to offer. We need more volunteers, please. We need to have and man a Welcome Table to orient visitors to the campus and set up.

We will be setting up tables at 0815 and there will be a food truck on site.

The Playground will be accessible.

Please pray for good weather.

The meeting ended at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jim Barnett