

Vestry Minutes
The Church of St. Michael and St. George
6345 Wydown Blvd., Clayton, Mo. 63105

February 8–9, 2019
Vestry Retreat
Cedar Creek Conference Center, New Haven, Mo.

Vestry Members in Attendance:

The Rev. Andrew Archie, Betsy Douglass, (*Sr. Warden*), Betsy Panke (*Jr. Warden*), Ian Hagemann (*Clerk*), Nic Ayling, Mary Ann Cook, Joe Freund, Harrison Hagan Heil, Ian Mackey, McKay Mills, Stephanie Nash, Bruce Springer,

Clergy Assistants in Attendance: the Rev. Peter Speropulos (*Assistant Rector*), the Rev. Tom Albinson (*Assistant Rector*)

Guests: Laurie Brown (*Welcome*), Rob Lehman (*Organist and Choirmaster*), Jim Holbrook (*Strategic Planning*), Mike Zaccarello (*Treasurer*),

Vestry Members Not in Attendance: Craig Anzilotti, Todd Glass, Jan Jacobi, Lulu Stribling

Attachments/Handouts: Vestry Agenda; Committee and Greeting Information; Strategic Planning Presentation; Financial Report; Ordination Nomination for Laurie Anzilotti

Proceedings:

Friday, February 8

The evening began at 6 p.m. with a social hour and dinner in the Town Hall.

The Vestry enjoyed a “Getting to Know You” activity centered on the timeline of each member’s entry into the Parish.

The Rector made a few remarks concerning the search for the next Bishop of Missouri. The search is in the Holy Listening phase and will conclude at the November convention.

Laurie Brown described the Vestry Committee process and solicited each member’s request for placement. She also presented greeting dates, which are described in an attachment. If you cannot greet on your designated day, please switch with another Vestry member.

The evening concluded with the saying of Compline.

Saturday, February 9

The Vestry began the morning with the celebration of Holy Eucharist.

Committee assignments were distributed by Laurie Brown.

Strategic Planning—Jim Holbrook, guest of the Vestry, presented the idea of Strategic Planning. The church envisages entering this process, which was done previously about 10 years ago, resulting in the current mission and vision statements. He presented a list of suggested names to serve as ad hoc working groups, and accepted other suggestions. Attendees divided into two groups to brainstorm parishioners and constituencies that could contribute to the process, as well as the name of the process. “Faith Forward” was recommended as the name for this enterprise.

Ordination of Laurie Anzilotti—A parishioner, she was recently ordained to the Diaconate in the Episcopal Church. The process for ordination to the Priesthood was discussed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the diocese’s query as to the Rev. Anzilotti’s godly and sober life. The motion carried, and those present (exceeding a 2/3 quorum of the Vestry) signed a petition to this effect.

Finance—Mike Zaccarello presented the report of the Finance Committee. 2018 closed with an excess of revenues over expenses of \$23K. This is the first positive result in several years. A zero-based budget was presented for 2019. Mike introduced the Finance Committee’s recommendation that the bank be asked to increase our line of credit from \$900K to \$1.2M, not because of a pressing need for credit, but because we are in a position of strength at the moment.

A motion was made and seconded for approval of the budget. Discussion ensued concerning an incoming fund to support assistant clergy, the challenge of assembling a parishioner choir with all altos, and the future prospects for the organ. The question was called and carried unanimously.

A motion was then made and seconded to approve requesting an increase in the Church’s line of credit. This motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. and the Vestry and guests were dismissed for lunch at the Town Hall.

Upcoming dates: Tuesday, February 19, the bishop search committee will visit CSMSG for Holy Listening. The next Vestry meeting will be Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 11, the Vestry is invited to dinner with the Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith, Bishop of Missouri, at the St. Louis Club. Confirmation will occur Sunday, May 12.

Respectfully submitted,
Ian Hagemann, Clerk of the Vestry