

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

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Vestry Members in Attendance: The Rev. Andrew Archie, Ian Hagemann (*Clerk*), Nancy Reynolds, Joe Sheehan (*Sr. Warden*), Mary Katherine Ray, Daniel Smith, Ruth Ezell, Peter C. Smith, Will Springer, Barry Kirk

Clergy Assistants in Attendance: The Rev. Tom Albinson

Guests: Alexis Posnanski (*Stewardship*)

Vestry Members Not in Attendance: Carl Eichenberger, Rachel Martens, Betsy Panke (*Jr. Warden*), Bill Wallace, David Ott (*Treasurer*)

Attachments/Handouts: Vestry Agenda, Vestry Minutes 5-12-22, 2022-6-22 Vestry Financials, May 2022 Attendance

Proceedings: Fr. Tom gave the invocation and all present gave thanks for events in their life.

Treasurer's Report (Joe Sheehan): The report focuses on year-to-date actual figures. Revenues are \$1.059M against budget of \$1.025M so we are ~\$100K ahead of budget on revenue. Expenses this year are \$1.049M vs \$1.025M budget and \$971K actual last year. Expenses being greater than budget by \$9K, we can be encouraged. It is noted that parishioners are giving more evenly over the course of the year. Changes in the tax laws may have promoted more even giving (planning ahead, donating to a donor-advised fund and then disbursing evenly, versus waiting to the end of the year to see if one has a capital gain). Sonya, our administrator, is also keeping an eye on expenses.

The Endowment Committee met this week. Sonya had asked the committee to approve a budget increase for visiting clergy for Easter and the first Sunday of Lent. In 2021 local preachers were engaged, so a lower amount was spent, and this amount was carried over to the 2022 budget, meaning that the budgeted amount was insufficient for 2022 when we did have a visiting preacher. The Vestry is now asked by the Endowment to approve this increase in the budget. Of note, there are adequate monies in the restricted funds dedicated to these activities; this request does not entail an increase in planned spending. A motion to approve was made, seconded and adopted unanimously.

Stewardship (Alexis Posnanski): As of the end of June, we have 306 pledges for \$1.668M pledged. The goal is to raise this to 330 by the time the campaign ends for the year. Alexis, Joe and Carl are making targeted asks. We have applied to the diocese for a grant to repair the Sverdrup Room roof but this was not approved. Requests involving

safety issues or congregations with greater perceived need are more likely to be funded. The number of applications was also high this year, according to the Canon for Finance. The request was for \$8K, half of the repair estimate, the other half to be funded by a parishioner.

We have applied for a grant from the Pershing Charitable Trust. We will hear in August.

Alexis and Fr. Andrew have been actively having breakfasts and pursuing transformative gifts.

Rector's Report: This Sunday will be Fr. Andrew's last before leaving for six Sundays in Maine. In August, baby Albinson will arrive and Fr. Tom will be out of the office for two months. Mthr. Anne and Fr. Stewart will be of great service during this time. Fr. Peter is out of town now and returns July 11.

It was noted that Fr. Stewart Clem preached a fine sermon on the Eucharist, encapsulating the best of our tradition at CSMSG.

The Vestry entered executive session to discuss a pastoral matter.

Senior Warden's Report: The Warden referred back to his earlier comments. He apologized for a change in Vestry meeting dates. It was asked how the new Sunday schedule has been received. No obvious conclusion was reached. The Sunday evening service is expected to return the 1st Sunday of October (now at 5:00). On the 1st Sunday a Eucharist will follow Choral Evensong; the other Sundays will be a full Eucharist.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of minutes from May 2022 was moved, seconded and adopted.

New Business: None

Upcoming Dates: The next meeting will be September 1, 2022. A decision will be made by and by as to whether a regular September meeting is needed three weeks later.

The Vestry adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Ian Hagemann, Clerk of the Vestry