

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

**Thursday 6/12/25**

**Vestry Members in Attendance:** Joe Sheehan, Bill Jenkins, Rachel Martens, Matt Aplington, Frankie Eichenberger, Gale Patterson, Lindsey Stokes, Rixey Ruffin, Selby Graepel, Christine Johnson, Cathy Sanders, Stephen Eisle,

**Clergy:** The Rev. Andrew Archie, The Rev. Peter Speropulos

**Staff & Guests:** Alexis Posnanski, Laurie Brown, Beth Human

## **PROCEEDINGS**

Fr. Peter led the group in a prayer commemorating the first Native American to be ordained in the Episcopal ministry.

All assembled gave thanks for the blessings in their personal lives.

### **School Report (Beth Human)**

- Restructured and combined some classes/grades to get to the right class sizes.
- Sharing faculty as much as possible with infant/toddler program (e.g. PE, Spanish).
- Beth personally reached out to all families in the school to communicate the changes.
- All specials will continue, but will be staffed part time rather than full time.
- Total enrollment 40 students (pre-K through 8th), compared to full enrollment of 100+
- The school is being more selective about enrollment and only accepting students whose academic and social/emotional needs can be met by the school.
- There are a number of internal and external marketing initiatives underway to increase enrollment.
- The school is building a schedule that will allow for the homeschool community to access some programming part time.
- Grades 2-6 begin each day with chapel service.
- New signage and branding are in the works (St. Michael's Episcopal Day School).
- The Vestry engaged in a robust discussion and asked several questions regarding marketing the school and recruiting new families.

### **Stewardship Report (Alexis Posnanski)**

- We have increased both the number of pledges and the total pledged amount for Stewardship 2025 vs. Stewardship 2024. The campaign will be closing soon as we begin to look forward to next year.
- We have received donations totaling 51% of the total fundraising goal for the new organ. Additional organ payments are due to be made to the manufacturer in August and October of this year.

### **Youth Report (Peter and Jess Speropulos )**

- Middle School Mission Week had a great turnout of 42 kids comprising CSMSG, St. Peters, St. Timothy's, and unaffiliated kids from the neighborhood. This number is growing year over year.
- Service sites included Confluence Farms, Red Circle, St. Peter's, City of Florissant Parks Department, and CSMSG.

### **Treasurer's Report (Joe Sheehan)**

- We remain on budget, with no material changes since the last update
- Tornado-related expenses are still being tallied. Some costs are covered by insurance and some are not.

### **Junior Warden's Report (Frankie Eichenberger)**

- Sonia and Roland have been working full time to respond to the tornado for the past month. Storm recovery efforts are taking priority over other planned projects.

### **Senior Warden's Report (Joe Sheehan)**

- Joe has met with Beth to work on the school budget for the upcoming school year. We are close to breaking even with the addition of 1-3 more students. The Senior Warden thanked the Vestry for its continued support of the School.
- Because the Staff of the Church has been going above and beyond their normal jobs to respond to the tornado, we would like to recognize the Staff with a thank you message from the Vestry which will be published in the leaflet and on social media. We will also arrange a food truck for a thank you lunch.
- There is a need to update the 5-year strategic plan, which is now five years old. The Vestry has engaged a consultant to assist in this effort.

### **Rector's Report (Rev. Archie)**

- The church building and all of the clergy homes have been evaluated by an insurance adjuster and contractors. The roof of the church does not have any holes, but all three houses do have holes in the roof.
- Damage to the deck off of the kitchen is extensive and the area should be avoided. The church building only suffered two broken windows.
- The cottonwood trees in Peter's yard have been removed and no longer pose a safety hazard.
- All damaged items and debris have been removed by a waste management company.
- Power and internet have been out intermittently since the tornado.
- The August Vestry meeting will be rescheduled to August 28.

### **Approval of May Vestry Minutes**

- The minutes were reviewed, moved, approved and accepted unanimously.

### **New Business**

- September 14 is the rescheduled date for the ministry benefit dinner, which will take place on the church lawn with live music and food.

The Vestry adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Reviewed and respectfully submitted,

Matt Aplington, Clerk of the Vestry