

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church
March 2024 Vestry Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 6:30 PM, in the Conference Room

- 1) Devotional time was led by **Lisa Bailey**.
 - a) Devotional assignments for remainder of year: Apr-**Monette**; May-**Barnett**;
June-**Meinhart**; Aug-**Stinnett**; Sept-**Allen**; Oct-**Davis**; Nov-**Hall**
- 2) The minutes from the February 9th meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes. The motion carried and was approved.
- 3) Martha Lendermon reviewed the February financial statement. The checking account balance of \$539,000 was \$289,000 above the \$250,000 covered by FDIC insurance. A large contribution was made in January which drove the balance well above the \$250,000. The Finance Committee will take steps to invest the excess balance in interest bearing securities.
- 4) Liaison & Committee Appointments
 - a) The three open positions on the Finance Committee were filled, and the Committee will be as stated below:
 - i) Matthew Monette, Treasurer
 - ii) Martha Lendermon, Financial Secretary
 - iii) Mike Gibson will fill the 3-year appointment that runs through December 2026.
 - iv) Jane Mills accepted a 2024 appointment.
 - v) Stacy Coughlin accepted the other 2024 appointment on the committee.
 - vi) Bill Barnett, 2024 Vestry liaison
 - vii) Joe Stinnett, 2024 Vestry liaison
 - b) The Memorial Committee needed one additional member, and Stella Woehst will fill the position.
- 5) Other Business Discussed
 - a) St. Andrew's Foundation tax filing was mailed due to a calculation that needed to be shown, but the IRS rejected the return since it was not filed electronically. The IRS also indicated the Foundation's 501-C status would be dissolved. Steve Anderson and Mark Partlow will work to reinstate the Foundation as a 501-C.

- b) The updated directory format is being completed, and the final product will be available soon.
- 6) Discussion of Strategic Planning for Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church
- a) An internal understanding of the Benedictine model was discussed. A way to do that is through reading. The Vestry will read *The Benedict Option* by Rod Dreher. More recent versions have a study guide, and it can be used during future Vestry meetings. Another was *St. Benedict's Toolbox* by Jane Tomaine, which was previously covered in Sunday school, and it can be used as a reading resource for parishioners.
 - b) The Vestry subgroups discussed their ideas of how to make the Benedictine Model more visible to St. Andrew's parishioners.
 - c) Vestry was tasked with finding three short-term goals actionable prior to August. The subgroups will continue to work together on this.
- 7) Fr. Jeff Marx will take sabbatical from May 20th – August 2nd. He will miss the June Vestry meeting, but the Vestry will continue its work in his absence.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. The motion carried and was approved.

UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS:

Sun.	Mar 10	Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 AM
Sun.	Mar 17	No Youth Sunday school because of Spring Break
M–F	Mar 18–22	Spring Break for Collierville Schools
Sat.	Mar 23	Palm Cross folding workshop at 9:30 AM
Sun.	Mar 24	Palm Sunday weekend (reg. schedule, procession begins in parish hall)
Tue.	Mar 26	Men's Club Meeting (6 PM)
Thu.	Mar 28	Maundy Thursday services (12 PM, 7 PM)
Fri.	Mar 29	Church office closes at noon Good Friday service (12 PM) Stations of the Cross (in the sanctuary right after the Good Friday service)
Sat.	Mar 30	Easter Vigil (7 PM)
Sun.	Mar 31	Easter Day services (no Christian Ed.) (8 AM, 9 AM family-friendly svc, and 10:30 AM)
Mon.	Apr 1	Church office is closed — also, there is no school that day (for the students)
Wed.	Apr 3	First-Wednesday Parish Dinner (6 PM)
Wed.	Apr 10	Vestry meeting (6:30 PM)