



# *Saint Monica's Episcopal Church*

## VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

### **Our Mission**

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, word and deed in the community and the world.

### **Our Vision**

A church for all people.

### **Our Core Values**

Inclusiveness, Integrity, and Service.

**September 10, 2023**

**Vestry Members in Attendance:** Julie Hart, Connie Chamberlin, Bill Garner, Deacon Rachel Iverson.

**Guests:** Fred Woods, Junior Warden; Viven Welch, Clerk; Landi Hawk; Chuck Barnett and Bill Hart.

**Attachments:** Agenda, Treasurer Report, attendance sheet, Tracking Sheet, Discipleship flyer, Back to School report.

- I. **Call to Order** – Julie called the meeting to order at 11:23 am.
- II. **Opening Prayer** – Deacon Rachel offered devotion on how St. Monica's is always thinking forward and doing for others. Preach Love, Yay God and Holy Moly.
- III. **Roll Call – Confirmation of Quorum** – The clerk verified there was a quorum.
- IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** – Approved August 20 Vestry Meeting Minutes.
- V. **Reports**
  - a. **Treasurer Report** – Landi gave the Treasurer's Report with Financial Dashboard and Expenses handouts. As of today, the balance is \$27,245.52 (not reflected in report). There was discussion the difference having a/c on auto programmed made. It was agreed that the difference was minimal.
    - **The vestry accepted the Treasure's Report for July as submitted** (See attached).
  - b. **Clergy Report** –
    - i. We have supply priests through Christmas. Fr. Chris will help through Christmas.
    - ii. Christmas Eve is on Sunday and there will be a 10 am and a 6 pm service. No service on Christmas Day.
  - c. **Senior/Junior Warden Report**  
**Junior Warden Report** –
    - i. The battery has been replaced in the AED. Dodie Matlock to give brief training on it next week.
    - ii. There was miscommunication with contractor about which porch we wanted repairs. Fred will re-connect. He still plans to have a friend look at the back porch as discussed last month.
    - iii. Fred replaced the flapper on the toilet in the cry room, but the other part of the mechanism is also worn out, so he will investigate repairing the other parts.

- iv. Julie bought mold testing kits and Bill G. will test this week.

**Senior Warden Report –**

- i. Julie will be out for two weeks. She is going to do Worship Leader training in October. Next year she wants to train to be a lay preacher.
- ii. There was some discussion about whether she should stay on as Sr. Warden in the new year or someone else will take over. Bill Hart volunteered to run for vestry and would be willing to be Sr. Warden again. Julie and Nancy are due to rotate off at the end of the year.
- iii. Be thinking about annual meeting and who to nominate for vestry, will you call for organization reports?

**d. Committee Reports –**

- i. Stewardship – Landi has looked over the Rooted in Abundance material. She will not be here next Sunday. Viv will put the first reflection insert in the bulletin this week.
- ii. Some ideas were:
  - 1. Wear fall colors to remind parishioners about the campaign.
  - 2. Lay talks during service
  - 3. Have some of the guild members talk about their ministries.
- iii. Not talked about during meeting but needs to be addressed.
  - 1. Order merchandise – recommend pins for committee members and perhaps mugs for prizes (first to turn in pledge card, etc.)

**VI. Old Business**

**a. IP Grant/CPR**

- i. Two spread sheets on Google Drive; one for registration and one is a list of churches in Cantonment area.
- ii. Bill Garner will stop by HR at IP and other businesses to see if they have people who would be interested in taking the class. Deacon Rachel suggested talking to the Diocese and Episcopal churches for students.
- iii. Bill will talk to the congregation next week, Sept. 24.
- iv. ECW will provide lunch – did not talk to them about childcare.

**b. Stained Glass**

- i. Landi showed a picture of the Dove stained glass. It is almost finished.
- ii. Hoping to have it finished and installed by All Saints Day.

**c. Filing Cabinets**

- i. No update, Bill will look in Thee house tomorrow (Monday) to see if there is one to recycle.

**d. Gutter Removal**

- i. Fred had to leave the meeting early, so no report was made.

**e. Back to School**

- i. Landi handed out the follow-up report. (See attached.)

**f. Beckwith Picnic**

- i. Discussed ways to encourage better attendance and participation from congregation.
  - 1. Table decorating contest and dessert contest were mentioned.

**g. Advent Calendars**

- i. Deacon Rachel will research appropriate Advent Calendar for children.
- ii. Vestry approved spending up to \$100 for purchasing Advent Calendars.

**VII. New Business**

**a. First Responders Appreciation**

- i. Connie said we need to plan to give the Cantonment Vol. FD and teachers at Jim Allen Elem. a basket at a time other than the recognized "Appreciation Days." Connie mentioned Valentine's Day. **No decision was made.**

**b. Quick Books**

- i. Landi read about TechSoup in the Green Sheet and would like to order Quick Books software for bookkeeping. The vestry agreed and Landi will research the cost and report back at the next meeting.

**c. Blessing of the Animals**

- i. Blessing of the Animals will be on Saturday, October 7 at 4 pm. If it rains, we can do it inside.

**d. Discipleship Day**

- i. Viv is registered and encouraged those who can attend. (See attached flyer.) It is on Sat., Oct. 28 in Niceville – also a workday, but that can be rescheduled.
- ii. Deacon Rachel asked the vestry to make a list of those who we think would benefit.

**e. New Sunday School**

- i. Fr. Chris will be presenting "The Serenity Prayer" for five Sundays beginning Sept. 24 (skipping Beckwith Picnic day).

**VIII. Announcements/Next Meeting Date**

- a. The next meeting will be on October 15, 2023 at Beckwith.

**IX. Closing Prayer**

- a. Landi offered a closing prayer.

**X. Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn was approved at 12:35 pm.



Senior Warden Signature/Date



Clerk of the Vestry Signature/Date



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Vestry Meeting  
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