

## The Vestry of Calvary Episcopal Church

### February 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes

#### Term Expires:

##### January 2025

Debbie Pohler - **Present**  
Greg Bethke - **Present**  
Rick Lane - **Present**  
Fred Steinkamp - **Present**

##### January 2026

John Bradshaw - **Present**  
David Cook - **Present**  
Oscar Lozano, Jr. Warden – Not Present  
Sonia McGrath - **Present**

##### January 2027

Brandon Campbell – Not Present  
Steve Evans - **Present**  
Lori Hoy - **Present**  
Ashley Vakulenko - **Present**

#### ***Ex-officio members***

Scott McLemore, *Treasurer – Not Present*  
Kathy Haley, *Clerk – Not Present*  
Bill Daw, *Chancellor – Not Present*

*Rev. Nancy Wilkes, Deacon – Not Present*  
*Rev. Ralph B. Morgan, Rector - **Present***

Also **Present**: Guest speaker Mark Duncan

#### **Opening and Devotion**

The meeting opened in prayer by Fr. Ralph at 6:31 pm.  
The devotion was given by Greg Bethke.

#### **Business**

Review & Approve Minutes - A motion to accept the minutes of the January 24, 2024 vestry meeting was made by John Bradshaw and seconded by Sonia McGrath. All approved, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Greg Bethke gave the treasurer's report. A motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented was made by John Bradshaw & seconded by Fred Steinkamp. All approved, and the motion passed.

Rector's Report – Fr. Ralph Morgan, see attached report.

#### **Formation**

'Get-To-Know-Your-Vestry-Partner'

Steve Evans introduced his vestry partner Debbie Pohler, Debbie then introduced Steve.

David Cook introduced his vestry partner Sonia McGrath, Sonia then introduced David.

Remainder of vestry will introduce their partners at next vestry meeting (Action added to Action Items list).

Reflections on stewardship – Mark Duncan.

#### **Old Business**

The Action Items list was reviewed and updated. See Action Items list below for updates and additions.

#### **New Business**

None

### **Voluntary Remarks or Questions / Reports**

Renovation project – a request for an update on the renovation project was made. Fr. Ralph stated that the project is waiting on City of Richmond permits. Fr. Ralph will get a written update on the renovation project and email it to the vestry (Action added to Action Items list).

**Closing** – Rick Lane gave a closing prayer.

**Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

### **Action Items**

- Fred & Oscar to review the proposed Rental Policy and to come up with recommendations. (February 20 update: Fred to present at March 19 vestry meeting) - **Open**
- Fr. Ralph will bring someone from the Diocese to talk to the vestry about a renewal type weekend at Calvary. (February 20: no update) – **Open**
- Debbie to plan a reception for John Brun and Kay Hardee. (February 20 update: firm date cannot be committed to at this time) – **On Hold**
- Vestry members will introduce their partners at next vestry meeting, March 19, if they have not already done so. (New Action February 20) – **Open**
- Fr. Ralph to get a written update on the renovation project and email it to the vestry. (New Action February 20) – **Open**

Minutes Submitted by Greg Bethke, vestry member

## Rector's Report for February 20, 2024

- We've made it through some good/busy days in the PH. I think we will be fine until we move back into the church
- Ash Wednesday went well, a few fewer in the two services but still over 400 in Ashes to Go
  - We should be fine for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday
  - Easter – two services in the Gym? No 5pm service that day?
- Lenten dinners beginning tomorrow, Rev. Jeremy is expecting us tomorrow night in full force. We, the vestry have been asked to host the dinner on March 13<sup>th</sup>, three weeks from tomorrow. The suppers being at 6PM. As a host you and the vestry should bring 9-10 soups to share (it is Spring Break) as well as setting up and taking down.
  - Others attending from Calvary will be bringing sides to share. I ( the church) will provide the bread.
- For our Parish Picnic on Pentecost Day, May 19<sup>th</sup>, Debbie, and I have talked about finding someone to cook/bbq for us instead of a caterer which would be much more expensive. Thoughts?
- Thank you for any help you offered this weekend for the Chili Cook Off – it went well, although I missed most of it...
- Because, I was meeting with the chair of our search committee for a new organist.
  - We are interviewing a young lady this coming Sunday to serve as our pianist for the interim period. Ross has been good for the time, but it's time to find someone more trained on piano. We will also meet with a young man who will come in and lead some direction to the choir. Both on an interim basis.
  - I need/would like someone from the Vestry who is interested in the 8:00 music program to serve on the search committee for the next organist. Any volunteers?
- I am considering making a room modification when the construction period is over. Turning the parlor into a small conference room. Keeping it more decorative, but instead of a big couch, putting in a small conference table to seat 8-10 people.
  - Also, I would like to use the couch/chairs that were in there in the East Room (front of the parish hall) and give those two couches to the youth building/bible study room. That furniture is way to big for that area, and very rarely do more than two people sit on a couch (unless you are a group of teenagers).
- Who did their Homework?

Rev. Ralph B. Morgan, Rector

Date: February 20, 2024

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