

The Vestry of Calvary Episcopal Church

March 19, 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 - Not Present
Oscar Lozano, Jr. Warden – **Present**
Sonia McGrath - **Present**

January 2027

Brandon Campbell – **Present**
Steve Evans - **Present**
Lori Hoy - **Present**
Ashley Vakulenko - **Present**

Ex-officio members

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

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

Opening and Devotion

The meeting opened in prayer by Fr. Ralph at 6:27 pm.
The devotion was given by Steve Evans.

Business

Review & Approve Minutes - A motion to accept the minutes of the February 20, 2024 vestry meeting was made by Sonia McGrath and seconded by Debbie Pohler. 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 Oscar Lozano. All approved, and the motion passed.

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

Formation

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

John Bradshaw introduced his vestry partner Oscar Lozano, Oscar then introduced John.
Fred Steinkamp introduced his vestry partner Brandon Campbell, Brandon then introduced Fred.
Lori Hoy introduced her vestry partner Greg Bethke, Greg then introduced Lori.
Rick Lane and Ashley Vakulenko will introduce each other at next vestry meeting (Action added to Action Items list).

Reflected on Bishop Kai Ryan's question 'What are we doing right?'

Old Business

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

Steve Evans discussed getting a communication out to the congregation giving an update on the renovation project (Action added to Action Items list).

New Business

The school wants to put up a new sign in the back field on the corner of Austin and S. Union streets. The sign will be brick that says Calvary Episcopal Preparatory and will be paid for using the memorial donations that were made in memory of Rudy Fondon. A motion to approve Calvary Episcopal Preparatory putting up a sign on the corner of Austin and S. Union streets was made by Brandon Campbell and seconded by Ashley Vakulenko. All approved, and the motion passed.

A motion for Fr. Ralph and Betsy Zanghi to approve change orders up to \$5,000 and report to the Capital Campaign Finance Oversight Committee with each change order was made by John Bradshaw and seconded by Brandon Campbell. All approved, and the motion passed.

Voluntary Remarks or Questions / Reports

It was reported that Children's Chapel is growing and once the renovation is complete, Children's Chapel will need to find a new location.

Closing – Fr. Ralph gave a closing prayer.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Action Items

- Fred & Oscar to review the proposed Rental Policy and to come up with recommendations. (February 20 update: Fred to present on March 19 vestry meeting) (March 19 update: Oscar reported that they recommend using the Rental Policy as written) – **Closed**
- Fr. Ralph to get a written update on the renovation project and email it to the vestry. (New Action February 20) – **Closed**
- 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**
- Fr. Ralph will bring someone from the Diocese to talk to the vestry about a renewal type weekend at Calvary. (March 19: no update) – **Open**
- Vestry members Rick Lane and Ashley Vakulenko will introduce each other at next vestry meeting, April 9. – **Open**
- Communicate to the congregation an update on the renovation project. Steve Evans to take action - **Open**

Minutes Submitted by Kathy Haley, Clerk

Rector's Report for March 19, 2024

- We have had a great month so far: ASA
 - Our total weekly attendance last year was
 - 144/same time last year
 - 187/this year
 - Total last year weekly was
 - 178/52
- The next two Sundays are big in the life of the church. Please plan on being here if you can and help out with this VPOD's if needed.
 - Palm Sunday Debbie and Brandon
 - Maundy Thursday David and Sonia
 - Good Friday Oscar and John
 - Easter Sunday Rick and Ashley at 8:00
Greg and Lori at 10:30
- For Palm Sunday, I would like each of you to have a part in Reading the Passion Play. I have a list – no part is a small part, only some have fewer lines than others.
 - Sign people up for parts
- The school wants to put up a sign on the back corner. Funds were given in memory of Rudy Fondon and this is what they would like to do with it.
- The renovation is going well. I'll leave those reports to Oscar in the coming months. We have/will in the next few days applied for a loan from two banks and The Episcopal Church Building Fund which we just got the final signatures on tonight.
- Also, we have been given permission to have a signing party. I'm thinking, maybe on Pentecost Sunday – Everyone will be invited in to see the progress of the renovation and to sign their names/write their favorite scripture verse or even draw a small stick figure of their family on the floor around where they normally sit.
- We had three partnerships that did not get to introduce each other last month. If you're ready, we can do that now.
 - Greg and Lori
 - Fred and Brandon
 - John and Oscar

Rev. Ralph B. Morgan, Rector

Date: March 19, 2024

Calvary Episcopal Church, Richmond