

The Vestry of Calvary Episcopal Church

April 09, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Term Expires:

January 2025

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

January 2026

John Bradshaw - Not Present
David Cook - **Present**
Oscar Lozano, Jr. Warden – Not 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 6:33 pm.
The devotion was given by Brandon Campbell.

Business

Review & Approve Minutes - A motion to accept the minutes of the March 19, 2024 vestry meeting was made by Fred Steinkamp and seconded by Sonia McGrath. All approved, and the motion passed.

Review & Approve Minutes of the Special Vestry Meeting - A motion to accept the minutes of the March 5, 2024 special meeting of the vestry was made by Brandon Campbell and seconded by Lori Hoy. 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 Debbie Pohler & seconded by Steve Evans. All approved, and the motion passed.

Rector's Report – Fr. Ralph Morgan, see attached report. The May vestry meeting has been moved from May 14 to May 21.

Senior Warden's Report – Rick Lane has suggested that the church develop an emergency response plan in light of the fire alarm going off during the 10:30 am service on April 7th. Brandon Campbell and Steve Evans will help with developing the plan.

Committee Reports – Debbie Pohler gave an update on the plans for the Pentecost Picnic. Steve Evans, Fred Steinkamp, Greg Bethke and Lori Hoy volunteered to help serve food. David Cook will cook hot dogs. Debbie is looking for help with decorations. Vestry is encouraged to help with set-up and tear-down.

Formation

Discussion of the emergency response plan.

Old Business

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

Fr. Ralph has arranged for a Deacon from the Diocese to come to the June vestry meeting to talk about a renewal weekend at Calvary.

Steve Evans is working on a bi-monthly report to the congregation and the Renovation Committee is hosting a Town Hall meeting between services on April 21st.

Ashley Vakulenko introduced her vestry partner Rick Lane, Rick then introduced Ashley.

New Business – No new business

Voluntary Remarks or Questions / Reports - None

Closing – Fr. Ralph gave a closing prayer.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Action Items

- Vestry members Rick Lane and Ashley Vakulenko will introduce each other at next vestry meeting, April 9. – **Closed**
- Communicate to the congregation an update on the renovation project. Steve Evans to take action (Steve Evan working on bi-monthly report and Town Hall meeting on April 21st). - **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. (Deacon from the Diocese to come to June meeting) – **Open**
- Rick Lane, Brandon Campbell and Steve Lanes to develop an emergency response plan for Calvary. – **Open**
- Fr. Ralph will add to the agenda for the May meeting a discussion of the ministry map. – **Open**

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Haley, Clerk

Rector's Report for April 9, 2024

- Alleluia, Christ is Risen
 - We had a great Easter Sunday
 - Palm Sunday we had 210 vs. 205 last year and 215 in 2019
 - Holy Week totals: 124 vs. 137 last year and 126 in 2019
 - Easter Day: 317 vs. 284 last year and 436 in 2019
 - I would say we are getting closer to pre-covid number but still have some work to do. Many churches are still way under 50% pre-covid

Next Sunday, April 21st, we are going to host, and by we, I'm asking you to host with me a Town Hall meeting to update everyone on the progress of the renovation. I'm going to ask the Project Manager if we can hold this in the church – set up folding chairs and a speaker/mic system so Betsy can update everyone on the progress and current plans and I will give an overview of the financial standings. I will ask James Milford and any of the other building committee to be present to answer questions also. It's funny, in a church – everyone has that one person that they go to with all their questions. You wouldn't believe the people to come to me and ask me something because someone else asked them....

We will do this between the services.

- We'll save the fire drill discussion for new business
- Debbie will have more information on the Pentecost Picnic in a few minutes.
- April is really the calm before the storm – May is very busy because of End of School activities
- I will be out the 4th through the 14th – so I'm asking if we can move the Vestry meeting to the 21st. this will be 3 months of third Tuesday meetings.
- Then I will be out again the 24th through the 4th of June with the school trip to Greece and Italy.

That's all I have for now. Thank you all for what you do and why you do it.

Rev. Ralph B. Morgan, Rector
Calvary Episcopal Church, Richmond

Date: April 9, 2024