

St. John's Episcopal Church, Sharon, PA
Vestry Meeting
Feb 19, 2023, 7:00pm, Chapel/Upstairs Dining Room
Minutes

The meeting began at 6:58pm with Evening Prayer in the Chapel

The Vestry reconvened upstairs at 7:20pm. Father Adam went over the Vestry Covenant, which all signed. Father Adam reviewed the parish Purpose Statement, Guiding Principles, and Strategic Directions, as well as the responsibilities of the vestry as the Board of Directors of the parish.

Father Adam nominated John Kachursky to be Senior Warden. All voted yes. Barb Sudzina was nominated to be Junior Warden, Becky Yoho to be Clerk, and Mark Perfilio to be Treasurer. No other nominations were made. All voted in favor of these three people for these offices.

John Kachursky, Angie Lindsay, and Mark Perfilio were nominated to be delegates to Diocesan Convention. No other nominations were made. They were elected. Shane White and Dick Steingrabe were nominated as alternates to Diocesan Convention. No other nominations were made. They were elected.

The vestry committed to prayer for the parish and chose specific areas to pray for.

John moved to accept the minutes of the February 1 meeting. Dick seconded. Motion carried.

Father Adam and Mark presented the Treasurer's Report. Father Adam offered to go over any information in more detail with new vestry members. Father Adam also noted that he would be beginning his class and would be focused on that on Wednesdays from this week until the first week in May and the parish was receiving \$5,000. Dick moved to accept the financials. Shane seconded. Motion carried.

Dick moved the Housing Allowance Resolution. Mark Seconded. Motion carried.

Housing Allowance Resolution

Whereas, Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC § 107) permits a minister of the gospel to exclude from gross income (in computing federal income taxes) a church-designated allowance paid to him as part of his compensation to the extent used by him for actual expenses in owning or renting a home; and

Whereas, The Reverend Adam T. Trambley is compensated by St. John's Church exclusively for the services as a minister of the gospel; and

*Whereas, St. John's Church does not provide Reverend Adam T. Trambley with a rectory.
Therefore, it is hereby:*

***Resolved**, that the compensation paid to Reverend Adam T. Trambley from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 shall be \$98,591.00 of which \$29,193.00 is hereby designated to be a housing allowance;*

And be it further:

***Resolved**, that in all future years, \$29,193.00 of Reverend Adam T. Trambley's compensation shall be designated as a housing allowance unless otherwise provided.*

Father Adam noted that the basement work was beginning tomorrow with the removal of carpeting in the sewing room. In looking at the estimate for light bulb replacement, a number of vestry members wanted to see LED instead of fluorescent lights installed, even if the price was higher. The fire system will require more information to see what is needed and how it can be done. Barb suggested that she ask Greer.

Father Adam reported that Palm Sunday services would occur in the church sanctuary and not involve a procession. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services would be 7:30pm. The first Easter Vigil in four years will be held in the chapel and be much simpler than in previous years. The Pancake Supper had about 60 people and raised about \$300 – enough for about one camp scholarship. ECW will be having a tea tomorrow and have 17 RSVPs. Father Adam will visit his mom in San Diego from Mon, May 20-Tues, May 28. He will be at General Convention in Louisville: June 21-June 29, and may visit his daughter in Kentucky afterwards.

John brought up a question about the bell tower, and if it had been looked at. Father Adam will follow up with Ron.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 on a motion by Shane seconded by Heidi

Supplemental Minutes

February 22, 2024

After Father Adam followed up with the electrical contractor and confirmed that new lights to be installed will be LED, the vestry voted via email to approve going forward with the contract. Those in favor were: Barb, Shane, Angie, Heidi, Mark and Adam. No one voted opposed.