

Minutes of the St. Michael & All Angels Vestry
July 11, 2016

Meeting convened at 6:30 pm

Present: Rector Reverend Kevin Huddleston; Sr. Warden David Wiggins; Jr. Warden Bob Carlson; Treasurer Win Zoellner; Clerk Lindsay Mohn; Stephanie Stratemeier; Debbie Treglia; David Schlomer; Scott Schaefer; Ronda Barker; Leta Anderson; Mike Meng; Lindsey Hill; Dahl Metters; Allie Marquis; Bob Skaggs; Deacon Monte Giddings; Deacon Stevie Carter; Deacon Don Williams; Reverend John Goddard

Meeting opened with a team building exercise led by Ms. Anderson.

Father Kevin led the group in devotion from the Book of Common Prayer's Early Evening Prayer. He noted it was St. Benedict's Day, and gave a brief summary of Benedict's role in starting the first monastery away from the noisy element that was causing chaos in Rome at the time.

Father Kevin opened his report with reflections he has had since the June Vestry meeting. He prompted a lengthy productive discussion by sharing why he feels STMAA is here today, and what he feels its work in the local community as well as the bigger world should be in the future. Kevin+ posed what he described as the #1 question in practically any situation : 'What is the wise thing to do?' The Vestry responded with a variety of facts and opinions, concluding that there is clearly not one answer that satisfies everyone. The Vestry were charged with endorsing a vision for the future of the parish, as well as outlining the path it could follow to get there. The definition of membership in the parish was also brought up for discussion. That conversation prompted an attempt to wordsmith the answer in order to make it inspirational/aspirational rather than something with a judgmental or punitive tone. Eventually there was cohesiveness around the idea of a circle including multiple steps and opportunities as something for people to follow towards the goal of membership.

Ms. Anderson, Ms. Hill and Ms. Barker recently met to discuss small group ministry ideas in more detail. The Vestry supports emphasis on this as a community building tool. The intimacy that is generated in groups would allow members to figure out how to 'trust God and serve others' within the parish and outside in the local community. They shared several ideas, including having EFM graduates act as mentors.

There was also discussion about how to improve the 8:45 am service, which needs re-energizing.

Mr. Schlomer asked the Vestry to consider Episcopal Social Services when planning charitable giving, as they are experiencing financial hardships right now.

There being no corrections to the minutes, they were accepted as written.

Father Kevin reminded the Vestry of important dates coming up, including his vacation, which will begin on Wednesday 7/13 and go through the beginning of August. Bigger Bible Study will be held from August 8 - 10. Rally Day will be on August 14th, and Christian Formation begins on August 21st.

There being no time for further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Mohn
Clerk of the Vestry