

St. Richard's Vestry Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2023

The May 28 meeting of the Saint Richard's Vestry was held in person at 12pm in the Parish Hall.

PRESENT: Dokie Walker, Jeff Krech, David Carlson, Pauline Hoehn, Bobby Schmidt, Steve Mueller, Warren Gillespie, Kyle Thomas, Brian Chase, Jonathan Wickline

ABSENT: Lucinda Saxon

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES: Fr. Cameron Nations

1. 12:30 PM, Fr. Cameron led our opening prayer and called the meeting to order
2. Determination of quorum
3. Report from Fr. Cameron
 - a. Fr. Cameron discussed a plan that he and Mother Kelly have for some changes to the curriculum /program of our children's formation ministry. The changes are to take place this fall.
 - b. Fr. Cameron advised that we have a budget challenge in terms of revenue. Our budget was set with some assumptions of continued growth that we have not seen. We may need to make some budget adjustments later this summer.
 - c. Fr. Cameron advised that the June meeting of the St. Richard's Vestry will be cancelled; meetings will resume in July
4. Senior Warden Report -- (Please see report on Realm)
 - a. Pauline advised that Brian has completed the website conversion to GoDaddy
 - b. Pauline mentioned the current issue of recommendation and approval of Pumpkin Patch recipients for Fall 2023
 - c. Pauline advised that we would begin using MS Teams in May for Vestry communications.
5. Junior Warden Report -- (Please see report on Realm)
 - a. Jeff advised that we are under budget for the month
 - b. Jeff advised we have problems with campus WIFI
 - c. Jeff discussed a sales tax refund that we are due from the State of Texas
6. St. Richard's Preschool Report
 - a. Bobby advised that all student slots have been filled for next year and there is a waiting list
 - b. Bobby thanked the Vestry for their support in the recent fund-raiser. Over \$15k was raised; some of this will be used for teacher bonuses.

7. Action Item – Approval of April meeting minutes with correction that Bobby Schmidt was not present
 - a. Dokie moved to approve, Steve seconded. The motion was approved unopposed.
8. Action Item – Motion to approve organizations that the Pumpkin Patch will support. -- (Please see Proposal on Realm)
 - a. The four organizations that will receive donations are the Round Rock Serving Center, Hope Alliance, the Hutto Resource Center, and the Kairos Prison Ministry. We will also provide a stipend to the Stony Point HS Naval JROTC and BSA Troop 154.
 - b. All donations are to be distributed no later than Dec. 1, 2023
 - c. Warren moved to approve per the proposal by the St. Richard's Stewardship Committee, Bobby seconds. The motion was approved unopposed.
9. Discussion – Stewardship
 - a. Per Warren, the number of pledges has increased from 96 to 99.
 - b. Fr. Cameron and the Vestry discussed ideas to publicize the fall stewardship campaign.
 - c. Steve recommended that the monthly finance committee reports should be shared with the Vestry.
10. Discussion – MS Teams Update
 - a. Fr. Cameron and the Vestry discussed the transition from Realm to MS Teams.
11. Discussion – Replacing Vestry member Don Parker.
 - a. We will not replace Don until the next regular Vestry election
12. Discussion – Hiring of Constable
 - a. Fr. Cameron advised that we have been looking for someone to fill this position, but have not yet found anyone available
 - b. Warren has a contact that may be able to help
13. Closing Prayer