

MC Meeting Minutes Feb 16, 2023

Members Present: Fr. Charles Smith (Vicar), Stan Dellinger (Sr. Warden), Alex Maitland (Jr. Warden) via Zoom, John Phillips (treasurer), Zavier Harrison, Lee McGay, Debbie Mullenex, Lewis Brunson, Ken Shealey, Kimberly Norris-Jones.

Regrets from the following members prior to the meeting: Mary Dell Hayes (Clerk) and Nicole Harrison

Fr. Charles Smith called the council to order at 6 PM and received prayer requests. The council kept the evening office.

Fr. Charles Smith lead a discussion on the reading appointed for the day asking the council members to reflect on who specifically St. Michael's is trying to reach with the gospel and how to best organize our offerings to help people become better disciples. The council also discussed how to get members to take the next steps towards deepening their discipleship.

Approval of Minutes and Reports were moved by Debbie Mullenex and seconded by Lee McGay. The financial reports were discussed and tabled to allow for some formatting updates as we get used to the new accounting software and how the financials are organized. The minutes from the January retreat and the called February meeting were approved as submitted.

An update was offered by Fr. Charles Smith on the progress of the ELC Expansion Progress Update

Construction is underway. The flooring will be completed on Monday Feb 20, 2023 and the painting on Wednesday February 23, 2023.

Staff-Joanne is working on interviews and finding appropriate staffing.

Students recruiting is continuing and we may need to start early.

Communication to Congregation received feedback from 3 people and it was positive.

A liability insurance and property report from Finance Cmte was offered by John Phillips. This is a follow up from the council's request in January. We appear to need additional liability coverage above our current limits. We may need to also include additional property coverage. Action items are: the executive committee will meet prior to the next MC meeting and John Phillips will have additional information from Church Insurance for a firm recommendation to the council.

Fr. Charles offered an update on the project previously approved to repair sewer pipes located under the ELC. The repair work is scheduled for April 10-15. Some preparatory work will begin prior to this but will be conducted in such a fashion that the regular conducting of worship services and the ELC are not impacted.

Fr. Charles advised the council of updates in diocesan policies and needed updates to SMAA policies to be in full compliance. He advised the council he will need assistance from the administration committee to meet these new administrative demands.

Administration Help Needed (Below Items Required for our Liability Coverage to Remain in Force)

Safe Church Coordinator and Updated Policies

EDUSC Updated Alcohol Policy SMAA needs to review and Comply

Updated Background Check Requirements

Applications and reference checks for all volunteers that work with the vulnerable

Updated Personnel files for staff and volunteers needed to comply with new EDUSC

Requirements

Review of Financial Procedures Needed

Fr. Charles offered an update from the worship committee outlining worship between now and Pentecost. The committee notes that being a place where children are welcomed as participants and ministers is a high value of SMAA. They further noted a love of hymnody and will be providing Fr. Charles Smith and the music director with a list of hymns they enjoy.

John Phillips offered an update on the status of an account held nominally by the SMAA Churchyard at Edward Jones Investments. He is waiting for information from Edward Jones to determine in whose name it is held and whose tax ID. Fr. Charles Smith noted that diocesan and national church canons require that these funds appear on the balance sheet the council receives every month and must be held in an account that the council controls and holds in trust for the diocese. Furthermore, the funds must be held using the congregation's name and tax ID number. Action items: John to have this information for the Executive committee within two weeks and we will have it for the council at the March meeting.

Fr. Charles Smith noted the following upcoming key dates and the assistance needed from various council members and committees.

Key Dates Upcoming:

Feb 19 Celebration Preparations

Feb 26 Parish Potluck Preparations

March 11 Parish Hike at Sesquicentennial State Park Meet at big Playground at 10AM

March 16 MC Meeting

March 26 Children's Choir Parish Potluck following

April 6 Agape Meal and Stripping of the Altar 6 PM

April 7 Good Friday 6PM

April 9 Easter Bluegrass Mass and Pig Picking with Egg Hunt following

April 10-15 Parish Office and ELC Closed for Spring Break Pipe repair scheduled

April 20 MC Meeting

April 21 Art Show and Cookout 5-7 PM

MC Member concerns

Need help with Realm invitation—Lewis Brunson, Zavier Harrison, Lee McGay, Ken Shealeyk