

Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, Scottsboro, Alabama
Minutes of March 14, 2023 Vestry Meeting

Attending the meeting were the Reverend Polly Robb; vestry members Brett Bell, Jared Dovers, Sherry Holland, J.P. Parsons, Everett Reed, and Janet Sage; Charles Heath, Chairman of the Finance Committee; and Ann Moody, clerk of the vestry. Deb McBride could not attend.

Polly *opened the meeting* at 5:15 P.M. with prayer .

Charles distributed *financial* information and reviewed it. It has been determined account number 500140, Priest Insurance, will be \$1765 per month this year instead of the \$1420 budgeted. Polly noted the need to address cost of flowers, which has soared. Charles left the meeting at 5:35, following his report.

Polly did a reflection on our vocation as Christians, reminding us that what we give back to the world is our vocation. What we do makes a difference in the world. She read a passage from Joshua.

J.P. moved the *minutes of February 11, 2022* be approved, Jared seconded, and all voted in favor.

Senior Warden Jared talked about a violence protection task force. He went to school with a federal police officer who went into the ministry. He will talk with us about plans for preventing and handling violence. Paul Holland, Don Word, and Parker Edmiston will be asked to serve on a committee for this. Jared complimented committee liaisons. He would like for everyone to reach out to the chairperson they will be working with and meet with that committee before the next vestry meeting. Polly asked the vestry member liaisons to (1) see that there is an agenda, (2) which is sent out at least twenty-four hours before the meeting and (3) get with Polly to review minutes of the meeting; then continue keeping records of the meetings. By March 21, report to Jared and Polly when your meeting will be. Set goals at the first meeting.

Junior warden, Brett, reported on *buildings and grounds*. He sent his written report by email before the meeting. He reported that Robert Robb got and installed a new sump pump for the basement. Brett is preparing a Google dot spread sheet to keep up with trades-people who do work for the church or who may be prospects, records of what has been done and when, and other information regarding buildings and grounds. He suggested committees for various maintenance and care of the church and grounds. A cleaning date has been set for March 25. It was noted we have a new mail box which is more secure than the old one was.

Reporting on *parish life*, Janet reminded the group of the Palm Sunday brunch the vestry is hosting. Vestry members should give their \$30 checks to Sherry for their share of the contribution. Set-up time is 10:00 on April 1.

Polly said invitations were sent today for the casual Crosses and Cook Out gathering on March 31. Easter vigil plans are under way and James and Polly are planning the music and liturgy for April 8 at 7:00 PM.

Plans for Youth Sunday on May 21 are beginning.

Polly, reporting on Youth, expressed appreciation for support of the pancake supper.

A trip to Six Flags is planned for April 16.

Re *Mission and Evangelism*, Everett is working with Northeast Community College toward plans for Evensong there on April 25. Polly urged everyone to advertise this event to our friends.

Polly is on the board of The Scottsboro Boys Museum and will be host to the visitors there on Saturday from ten until two. Parishioner Stephen Frost took a group of high school students to the museum recently.

J.P. Will be representing St. Luke's at St. Stephen's in Birmingham tomorrow for a discussion meeting on racism entitled, "Courageous Conversation".

Polly will meet with Deb on upcoming *Outreach* activities, such as food pantry, meals on wheels, and Sawyerville.

In her *Rector's report*, Polly announced that David Nicholas, a former active member of St. Luke's, will repair the baptismal font at no charge, and was pleased to be called on to do it.

Allstate Insurance has not delivered the check for coverage of the automobile accident which destroyed our church sign at the Highway 72 and County Park Road intersection. Tony Loop removed the post to protect it from accidental damage during highway work there.

Polly reported on pastoral care and Christian Formation. The Wednesday evening Lenten programs have been well attended. Death and end-of-life planning, including planned giving, are among topics to be discussed. Next week, Don Word and Bill White will do a program on wills.

Polly and Jared met last week regarding Wednesday nights, including the possibility of a small Eucharist service addressing the needs of those who may not be able to attend on Sunday.

There are two more sessions of the book study Breathing Under Water.

James would like more time with the children's choir.

Polly and James are talking about plans for a possible music formatted VBS this summer.

Polly addressed St. Luke's 145th celebration. She is working with Barbara Heath and Paul Holland re the history book in progress. Former long-time rector of St. Luke's, Tim Murphy, has agreed to come for the celebration, as has Bishop Pryor. The October 15 date is confirmation also. She will set inquirers' classes for Wednesday nights preceding October 15.

Polly will be speaking at Scottsboro High School on Thursday, and is speaker for First United Methodist's Friday Lenten luncheon and program March 31. She is scheduled to do the prayer at the mayor's State of the City address at the Goosepond Civic Center.

She announced our Parochial Report was submitted to the diocese on time, despite several time-consuming changes in the counting this year.

The meeting closed with the reciting of The Lord's Prayer.

Ann Moody, Clerk of the Vestry