

Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, Scottsboro, Alabama
Minutes of June 19, 2023 Vestry Meeting

Attending the meeting were the Reverend Polly Robb; vestry members Brett Bell, Jared Dovers, Sherry Holland, Deb McBride, Everett Reed and Janet Sage; Charles Heath, Chairman of the Finance Committee; and Ann Moody, clerk of the vestry.

J.P. Parsons was absent because of medical reasons.

Polly ***opened the meeting*** at 5:15 P.M. with prayer after which she welcomed Barbara Heath and Tim Sanders to the meeting to present some items of business to the vestry.

Barbara updated the group on the progress on and plans for the history of St. Luke's she is writing. She plans to have it ready for distribution at St. Luke's 145th birthday celebration.

Tim pointed out to the vestry the need for a change in some of the lighting in Bradford Hall. The light switches for the parish hall are across the room from the door to the parking lot, so if someone is entering or leaving by that door after dark, one must cross the room in darkness, an inconvenience as well as unsafe. He urged that something be done about this before someone is hurt.

Barbara and Tim left the meeting after their presentations.

Janet moved the ***minutes of May 8, 2023*** be approved, Jared seconded, and all voted in favor.

Charles distributed ***financial*** information and reviewed it. He commented that expenses are ok and income is a little off. An anonymous gift from a parishioner was discussed. Although it was to be used as needed, he was pleased with the idea of using it to help fund a Children's Music Academy. Charles reported that Pension Payments will be going up. The church is required to pay 16% of the priest's salary to the pension fund. He also noted the need to appoint another member to the Finance Committee. Charles left the meeting following his report.

Polly reported that a committee is being organized to work toward the 145th birthday celebration. Father Tim Murphy, a former long-time rector at St. Luke's, will attend the dinner celebration Saturday night, October 8th, and will preach on Sunday the ninth.

The Heaths would like to pay for the book Barbara is writing to present to St. Luke's, and the vestry approved this generous gift. There was some discussion of the legal issue of who is deemed to be publishing the book. Jared will follow up on this with them.

In his ***Senior Warden's report***, Jared noted the internal audit committee in past years has been Jared, Bill White, and Don Word. He explained what is involved. The audit will be done in July with additional people.

Jared spoke of a strategic planning meeting at a longer vestry meeting July 10 to address hopes and expectations for St. Luke's future. The vestry will plan for a parish-wide meeting of the big picture of what our future looks like and what we need to do today.

Jared elaborated on Tim's concerns about the parish hall light switch. The Junior Warden and the Building and Grounds Committee will address this.

Brett's **Junior Warden's Report** indicated a good month, maintenance-wise. Danny Bridges is working on the sprinkler system, and the Columbarium Committee will seal the columbarium.

Janet, for **Parish Life**, reported that after the 4th, Polly and Becky Bridges will meet to make plans for a summer picnic or back to school outdoor service. Dates for the 145th celebration are October 7th and 8th.

Polly talked with one of our new young couples about the possibility of their working with the **Youth**. She announced the diocese has a new director to work with youth directors. Plans for an EYC lake party are to be announced.

Re **Mission and Evangelism**, Everett hopes to have the Canterbury Club at NACC up and running by fall.

Polly plans to participate in the Jonathan Daniels pilgrimage and hopes to take a group. She will publicize a parish trip to Scottsboro Boys Museum.

Regarding **Outreach**, Deb reported the Food Pantry served 205 people in June. July's plans are to serve seventy-five families, an increase from 70.

In her **Rector's report**, Polly announced that NA is still waiting to make a decision re meeting in the basement.

Polly and James, our organist, have been talking about a Scottsboro Choral Music Academy, a training academy sponsored by St. Luke's to teach reading of music, parts, and to teach children from five years old to fourteen or fifteen to sing in a choral group. They seeking advice from the Choral Music Academy at Christ Church in Tuscaloosa, and looking at a possible partnership with Sewanee's Music program. She will talk with our insurance company regarding insurance needs for this. As mentioned in the financial discussion, the funds contributed by the parishioner are not restricted, but will likely be used for this and budgeted accordingly.

A movie night is planned for Wednesday.

Courtney Bell has done graphics for VBS, including music and games, planned for July 18-July 20.

Women's Wednesday begins August 23.

Wednesday Eucharist/Suppers/Inquirers' classes will run from August 30th to October 11th.

Everett expressed appreciation for Polly's involvement and participation in community activities.

The **meeting closed** at 6:42 with the reciting of The Lord's Prayer.

Ann Moody, Clerk of the Vestry