

St. Aiden's Episcopal Church

Vestry Minutes

March 16, 2025

Present: Rev Esther Kramer, Eric Wetzel, Lynn Molenda, Mike Morgan, Laura Johnston, Mike Weber, Geri Kelly and Treasurer Mary Moran

Opening Prayer: Mother Esther

Motion to approve agenda by Mike Weber, seconded by Eric Wetzel

Financials:

Reviewed financial snapshot. There is a mistake in the financials due to an incorrect entry regarding "cash in bank." Will be corrected. Agreed to accept financials pending correction. Because transparency is important vestry will continue to review statements monthly including financial statements, statement of activity, check detail, and snapshot. Bank statement is not needed.

A \$10,000 donation by a parishioner is in progress.

Diocesan CFO has recommended fewer separate bank accounts. These were reduced last year. Some accounts that are used frequently, like Little Pantry and ECW have separate codes but are in the operating account. The Mission account was not so designated as it had not been used in five years. Eric suggested next year we form a separate mission committee and add it in the budget. This was tabled after much discussion with Mary Moran, Treasurer, explaining accounts.

Office Activity: More bills will be paid online as mail delivery system was unreliable last month and checks were not delivered on time.

Bank signatory is changed to senior warden, Eric Wetzel.

A formal thank you to Mary Moran for your excellent service.

Senior Warren's Report:

There is a need to support and be better informed of parishioners activities in the community, such as VFW events etc.

Junior Warden Report:

Energy Committee is working with Focus on Energy and Faith in Place. Thirty churches will be considered for funds. This will involve another energy audit. One of our four AC units has failed and need replacing.

Ahren's is working on some pipes for fire suppression.

Annual fire inspection coming up.

Priest's Report:

A Flow Chart for better communication for all members will be posted. Lynn to make a poster. A list of contacts for vestry members and committees will be included in Stag and Staff to improve communication.

Mother Esther will send out dates for consideration for a vestry retreat in May.

Mother Esther and Deacon Terry will schedule an adult formation class after coffee hour in May.

Committees:

Creation Care: After meeting with two landscaper/nursery companies a proposal was submit by Lynn Molenda to hire Danielle Bell of Native Roots Design to draw up a comprehensive long term landscape plan. This will include a more formal pollinator garde to the south of the patio and long term more natural areas on the outlying areas. \$1,000 from ECW will be used. Moved to accept proposal, first Geri Kelly, seconded Laura Johnston. Passed unanimously.

Project Proposal submitted by Laura Johnston to conduct annual plant sale on May 17. Proceeds to go to the operating budget. Motion to accept Eric first, Lynn second. Approved unanimously.

ECW: Project Proposal by ECW to hold rummage sale April 25/26th. and Christmas Bazaar December 13, 2025. Moved to accept, Laura Johnston 1st, Lynn Molenda 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Recommendations were reviewed as to disbursement of ECW funds. These need to be written out as individual proposals as more information is needed. Mike Weber had to leave so vestry will vote when we have a full vestry present.

New Committees:

Mother Esther requested a new committee for membership to ensure we are greeting and getting names etc. from new people. Lynn Molenda and Mike Morgan will join. Also requested a new Events and Advertising Committee. Esther, Mike M. and Eric volunteered.

Eric will post this in Stag and Staff.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve previous minutes, Lynn Molenda 1st, Mike Morgan 2nd.

Motion to approve financials pending correction, Lynn Molenda 1st, Eric Wetzel 2nd

Next vestry meeting:

Tuesday, April 22nd 6:00 PM on Zoom. Mike Morgan to pray out.

Geri Kelly prayed out.