

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VESTRY OF
SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

October 17, 2012

The regular meeting of the Vestry of Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church was held October 17, 2012.

Vestry members in attendance were: Van Sheets, Senior Warden, Tony Briggie, Junior Warden; Cindy Carter, Cliff Miercort, Stephanie Pearson, Grady Schleier, Nancy Skochdopole, Tom Stewart, Stewart Thomas, Donnell Wiggins, Paige Wilbur, Scott Wilson and Sheryl Wylie. Auxiliary members attending were Matt Waller, Treasurer, Robert Wilson, Chancellor, John Wilson, Stewardship chair and Clerk, Margaret Spellings. Guests included The Rev. Kevin Huddleston.

The Rector called the meeting to order at 4:35pm.

Minutes of the Prior Meeting

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the September 26, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

Ministry Report - Mission and Outreach

Fr. Huddleston gave a report about Mission and Outreach at St. Michael. First, he passed around an organizational chart showing the range of ministries included in Mission and Outreach. The full Mission and Outreach Committee consists of about 60 people, but many more parishioners are active in Mission and Outreach activities. For example, 170 Meals on Wheels volunteers each deliver 10 meals a month. Fifty volunteers spend about an hour and a half making meatloaf dinners to be served at the Austin Street Shelter on a regular basis.

The current budget for Mission and Outreach activities is \$26,000. This does not include Easter and Christmas offerings totaling approximately \$100,000 a year, which are given entirely to Mission and Outreach, or the annual Heart of Giving campaign. All participants in mission trips pay their own travel expenses.

The Mission and Outreach Committee approves grants of about \$145,000 a year, although requests have been about \$250,000 a year. Fr. Huddleston noted that the Women of Saint Michael have their own grant committee and give a substantial amount each year to a wide variety of community groups.

Fr. Huddleston spoke personally about some of the mission trips he has attended, including trips to the Rosebud Reservation. He urged everyone to get involved in a Mission and Outreach

activity. Fr. Huddleston said that he would sum up the work of Mission and Outreach as “We do for one what we wish we could do for all.”

Chancellor’s Report – Robert Wilson

Robert Wilson began by giving some background on a question that has been of concern for some time: If the Diocese left the national Episcopal Church, what would happen to St. Michael and its property? Now that St. Michael has amended its Certificate of Formation and received an email in response from the Chancellor of the Diocese, the answer is almost certainly that St. Michael’s property would not follow any break-away Diocese, but would stay with the Diocese that was recognized by the National Church.

After the amendments to the Certificate of Formation were approved at the September 2012 meeting of the Vestry, Robert sent the amendments to Tim Mack, the Chancellor of the Diocese, who, under the Canons of the Diocese, is authorized to determine whether the amendments were in conformity with Canon 36. In an email dated October 15, 2012, a copy of which is attached as Attachment A to these Minutes, Mr. Mack stated that he found the amendments to be in conformity with Canon 36. In addition, he said that he had discussed the amendments with Bishop Stanton and David Booth Beers, who had no objection. Finally, Mr. Mack stated that it was his understanding that the amendments were intended to address a potential situation whereby the Diocese of Dallas would purport to leave the national Episcopal Church, which, in his view, “would not be in conformity with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese or the General Convention.”

Robert stated that the email could give St. Michael peace of mind with regards to the question identified in the first paragraph above. Fr. Dannals agreed and thanked Robert and the members of the Vestry who assisted in the process.

Finance Report

Matt Waller gave the Finance Report. Rob passed around the Income Statement for the St. Michael as of September 30, 2012. Matt reported that current pledges have rebounded to expected levels, and thus revenue is slightly higher than budgeted, while expenses are still under budget for the year. Matt explained the accrual for the 401(k) plan has been added to the expense side. In summary, it appears that the anticipated net loss for the year will not be as great as anticipated.

Matt also reported that the budget process for 2013 is under way. Department heads have been asked to estimate their expected expenses for next year, including pension accruals.

Stewardship Report

John Wilson gave the report of the Stewardship Committee regarding the annual stewardship campaign. John reported that the total dollar amount of pledges received is behind the

campaign's goal for this point in the campaign. However, the average pledge amount appears to have increased from last year. John noted that it is still early in the campaign.

Building & Grounds Report

Tom Stewart reported that the Columbarium plans were final and were being reviewed by Beck. Groundbreaking is still planned for the first week in January. The groundbreaking on the preschool playground is scheduled for October 26.

Junior Warden's Report

Tony Briggie informed the Vestry that the Diocesan Convention will be November 16-17 at Parish Episcopal School. If anyone wants to be involved, they should let Tony know.

Senior Warden's Report

Van reviewed the nomination process for new Vestry members. He said that forms will be available next week.

Rector's Report

Fr. Dannals passed out "tent devotions" to use at small gatherings. Their purpose is to encourage discussion at church meetings.

Fr. Dannals talked about some upcoming events. The Newcomer's lunch is on Sunday. Ministry Sunday will be November 4. All preaching will be by lay leaders.

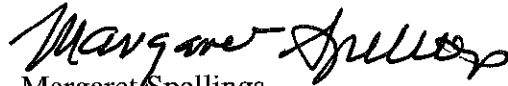
Other Business

Stephanie Pearson gave the Annual Report of the Board of St. Michael's Preschool, which is required to be given to the Vestry under the preschool's charter. Stephanie reported that the Preschool has excellent leadership, including its director, Katie Riley. The Preschool has a good student to teacher ratio, and the price is competitive. At present, 189 children are enrolled, 70% of whom are children of parishioners. The Preschool has a few spots open.

The budget for the Preschool is around \$700,000 a year, and expenses are slightly under budget. The new playground will be a great addition. The Preschool Board raised all the money for the playground.

There being no further business, the Rector adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm. The next meeting of the Vestry will be held on November 14, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret Spellings". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Margaret Spellings
Clerk

Attachment A

From: Tim Mack [<mailto:tmack@mackmatheson.com>]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 10:13 AM
To: Wilson, Robert E.
Cc: Bob Dannals; Van Sheets; Tony Briggie; James M. Stanton (jmsdallas@edod.org)
Subject: RE: SMAA Charter Amendments

Robert – This will confirm that I have reviewed the proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of St. Michaels & All Angels, in accordance with Canon 36 of the Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas, and have found the proposed amendments to be in conformity with Canon 36. I have also discussed these amendments with both Bishop Stanton and David Booth Beers, neither of whom raised any objection to the changes. In approving these amendments, it is my understanding that the intention is to address a potential situation (however unlikely) that the Diocese of Dallas would purport to leave The Episcopal Church (similar to the situation in Fort Worth) and not to attempt to create an extracanonial path to some sort of alternative Episcopal oversight. In my view, such a process would not be in conformity with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese or the General Convention.

Best personal regards,

Tim

Tim Mack

Chancellor

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