

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Lampasas, TX
June 18, 2023 Vestry Meeting

I. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 10:58 am with an opening prayer by Rev. Fowler.

II. Attending:

Rev. Fowler, Bill Adams, Paul Wendele, Cindy Harris, Tom Willis, Jane McMillin, Joe Wooten, Garth Davis and Mike Watson (treasurer)

III. Absent:

Judith Ann McGhee, Bruce Timmons, Katherine Joseph (clerk)

IV. Approval of May '23 Minutes:

The May minutes were unavailable at this meeting. They will be reviewed at the next meeting.

V. Treasurer's Report (Mike Watson):

We received the 2022 financial review from accountant Kevin Shahan with no issues. Garth moved to accept the report. Paul seconded and all approved.

Cindy Harris is now entering our donations in QuickBooks and depositing them at First Texas Bank. This implements one of the recommendations from the review.

St. Mary's brokerage account with Charles Schwab is now open. Mike Watson and Bill Adams are signatories.

Garth moved to transfer our \$43,000 Operating Reserve from our checking account and up to \$20,000 from our bank money market account to Schwab and invest in short-term term interest-bearing investment cash reserve into a short term, interest bearing investment. Cindy seconded and all approved. Tim suggested that we may not want to maintain the low-interest money market account at First Texas if the Schwab account proves equally convenient.

Old Business:

The Outreach Spending Allowance has been delayed. Mike sent a \$ 1,000 donation to the Mission of Lampasas.

VI. New Business:

The Solar Eclipse, April 8, 2024, was discussed firefly. We were asked to think about options. Rev. Fowler suggested we put it on the fall agenda. Judith Ann will ask her brother, Ross Oliver, to come speak with us about the event at our September meeting.

VII. Priest's Report (Rev. Fowler):

Rev. Fowler reported on the success of the breakfast. He is pleased with the number of parishioners who stay often or before service to fellowship with others. It cost \$ 100 a week for Abbie, plus the cost of food. Donations were \$ 123 last Sunday and \$ 160 this week, to cover some of the cost.

Rev. Fowler will be absent Sunday July 2nd and Sunday July 9th. Morning prayer will be celebrated for our services. Breakfast will continue to be served while he is away.

VIII. Sr. Warden Report (Bill Adams):

nothing to report

IX. Jr. Warden Report (Garth Davis):

Garth is having a work day on Wednesday, 6-21-23, at 8:00 am. Volunteers will remove the Boy Scout Play House and trim shrubs.

Paul Wendele is working on the sprinkler system.

Rev. Fowler announced he has acquired funding for the camera upgrade to live stream the Sunday services. He considers this a top priority and hopes it can be completed this summer. Garth and Mike are working on this project. They will get a proposal from the camera equipment vendor previously used.

X. Miscellaneous:

XI. Adjournment:

1. Closed with Prayer.
2. The next meeting will be Sunday, July 16th @ 11:00 am.