

Vestry Meeting 3-19-2022

Attending: Ted Ruchalski, Marver Browne, Valerie Curry, Kevin Lee, Klade Harmon, Erica Harris, Marlaina Woodward, Marck Morman, Lucy Herrera, Fostenal Dahn. Also attending were Fr Fabio Sotelo (presiding), William Paasewe, Jay Franks, Mary Lu Rogers.

Absent: Bernadette Matthews, Manuel Holguin.

1) Opened at 8:35 am with a reading from Exodus and reflection by the group on the reading. God calls us to be merciful.

2) Ted moved to accept the minutes with corrections (Marlaina was present, although late, and Sanya's name was misspelled); Klade seconded, and the minutes were approved.

3) Bill Paasewe gave the financial report. Some of the negativity of the report is the need for more pledges, some from the practices in developing our reports. Fr Fabio added that he and Bernadette have gone over the roles and found 39 names of people who have pledged in the past, but not this year. They are getting financial information from the bookkeeper in order to provide full information to the Vestry and members of the Vestry will call them and find out the reason they have not pledged yet. Bill added thanks to the bookkeeper and the finance committee as we now have a balanced statement and have started on the fixed asset statement.

4) Jay Franks told the Vestry about the plans for the Ministry Fair after the service next Sunday: each ministry will have a table down the breezeway and into Nickelson Hall. The purpose of all this is to encourage more people to become more involved. Let us rekindle the fire of our faith and do more at church than worship only. Fr Fabio instructed the Vestry to contact the heads of ministries assigned to each to empower them and see if they need any help with the Fair.

5) Fostenal Dahn joined the meeting to speak about the care of the grounds. The existing company will continue; the savings are in that we do the mowing. The Vestry does not have a copy yet of this proposal; Fostenal will forward it to the Vestry. Bottom line is \$1800 for the year covering gasoline and maintenance of the mowers. The contract with the company covers chemicals and pine straw. A thousand dollars toward tree trimming has already been approved. Ted moves that the plan be implemented; Marver seconded. The motion carried.

6) Ted reported on our strategic plan: he met with Marlaina and Lucy to simplify the plan to fewer goals. Since this is a three-year plan, this is achievable. He plans to meet with Canon John the week of the 28th for further development.

7) Fr Fabio expressed his delight with the Fish Fry and all the involvement in that, and with the renewal of other activities in the church. Next Saturday we will have 5 people confirmed or reaffirmed at the Cathedral. Please pray for them. Last Thursday he interviewed 9 people for entry to the

priesthood. Bernadette had a conversation with Canon John, and we will be looking for another auditor for the church. She has a meeting today, but sends her greetings to all.

Marlaina noted that we have two lights out on campus; Ted requested she email him the information and he will get it to the right people.

8) Adjourned with prayer for the people of Ukraine at 10:03 am.

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Mary Lu Rogers, Clerk

With corrections 4-3-2022