

## Vestry Meeting 4-23-2022

**Attending:** Ted Ruchalski, Valerie Curry, Marck Morman, Marlaina Woodward, Klade Harmon, Kevin Lee, Erica Harris, Manuel Holguin, Lucy Herrera. Also attending are Fr Fabio Sotelo, Mary Lu Rogers, William Paasewe

**Absent:** Bernadette Matthews, Marver Browne, Mike Leary

1) Opened at 8:35 with a group reading from John 20: 19-31 followed by discussion of the reading: Jesus accepts each of us where we are; even Thomas had his opportunity to prove Jesus' existence without condemnation; Jesus remains with us - we are not abandoned. Fr Fabio added that the disciples continued meeting to celebrate the Sabbath, maintaining community. A lot of our tradition comes from Judaism, and he would like to see the wounds between Christians and Jews healed. This reading also foretells Pentecost (celebrated June 2 this year). Lastly, resurrection is not coming back the same way, but a step onward, based on the presence of Jesus in a new way in our present communities.

2) Bill Paasewe reported on our first quarter, commenting especially on the drop in pledge receipts over the three months, and the increase in expenditure after we resumed meeting in person. Fr Fabio adds that this report will be shared with the community. Also, we are finding an auditor for this year, after which we will do an internal review and can do an audit every three years, saving us about \$3000 each year.

3) Fr Fabio reported on our first Holy Week together in two years and found it beautiful and well attended. Comments from the vestry members were all positive. Valerie suggested signage for next year and use the music as an incentive. Fr Fabio suggested playing some of the previous Holy Week celebrations at low volume during the Fish Fry.

He also commented on the workdays for the physical plant and encouraged the vestry members to sign up and help form the culture of mutual help and maintenance of our house of worship.

We are losing our Parish Administrator who found a full-time job with benefits. She will continue to do the Bulletin for us; the office will remain open with volunteers. Klade is planning her wedding, but after that, we will look for another administrator.

4) Ted's report is presenting the 3-year plan that he, Marlaina, Lucy, and Canon John have been working on. He reviewed the whole plan and opened discussion. Valerie is interested in some of the Years 2 and 3 goals; Klade asked if her involvement could extend beyond her term on the vestry. Ted wants more than vestry involved, so of course. Valerie moved that we adopt the 3-year plan; Klade seconded, and the motion carried.

5) Erica brought up a concern from the Coffee Hour providers that we may have started the coffee hour a little prematurely. As long as we don't expect more than coffee and a few treats, they may be okay. Certainly they are not set up to resume

at the level pre-Covid. Erica will canvas the group again and see what can help: Eblast announcement, sign-up list, or whatever.

Valerie has an adult class concern: Sanya has requested a book signing event after the service on Sunday, June 12, in Nickelson Hall. She would like to do this, and then possibly for three other local authors this year. Fr Fabio supports this. Valerie asks for suggestions, and with the support of the vestry will let Sanya know that this will happen. And she thanks St. Ed's for supporting Family Promise and Promise Haven.

This is the last month that Fr Fabio will be working at St. Bede's; after this, he will be full-time at St. Edward's.

6) Closed with prayer for peace, for the people of Ukraine and for Putin, in the words of the Lord's Prayer. Closed at 10:10 am.

Submitted 4-23-2022

Mary Lu Rogers

**Addendum:** On April 24, 2022, Bernadette Matthews made a motion to accept the corrected minutes for the 4-23-2022 meeting and asked for an email vote.

In favor were Marlaina Woodward, Erica Harris, Marck Mormon, Ted Ruchalski, Marver Browne, Manuel Holguin, and Lucy Herrera.

**Opposed:** None

Minutes approved and will be sent to Ted for inclusion in the Eblast tomorrow.

Mary Lu Rogers, Clerk