

Vestry Meeting 5-21-2022

Attending: Bernadette Matthews, Ted Ruchalski, Marck Morman, Marlaina Woodward, Erica Harris, Kevin Lee, Lucy Herrera, Marver Browne. Also attending Fr Fabio Sotelo, William Paasewe, Diane Van Slyke, Mary Lu Rogers

Absent: Manuel Holguin, Valerie Curry, Klade Harmon, Mike Leary.

1) Opened at 8:35 with a reading from Ephesians followed by discussion: God is asking us to be humble and to love. Fr Fabio summed up: we are to have faith; we are a community of faith, rooted in love. God is leading the way, and we are doing a work based in love.

2) Bill presented the financial report. The summary shows revenue falling short, but costs not up to budgeted amounts except in grounds and buildings where we had repairs over budget. The net effect is a favorable balance at the end of last month.

Fr Fabio reported that Canon John approached him last week, offering St. Edward's the opportunity to retain Karen Anderson after her ordination for 1, 2 or 3 years. If she stays with us, she will be focusing on youth and pastoral care. Also, Karen has to have a home altar in order to be ordained. To do this, we need to come up with about a thousand dollars a month for her stipend. He discussed this with the wardens and finance committee, and called Canon John, explaining our circumstances, and asking if the diocese could cover part of the expenses.

Diane continued: we already have in the budget monies for supply priest and Karen's honoraria, so that even without help, we could handle this year's expense for Karen. She suggested that we present this delightful surprise to the congregation. Bernadette adds that after announcing this after tomorrow's service, we will have pledge cards available.

Bill pointed out that 20 members giving \$50/month would cover the expense, and he would like to be part of the effort to raise this. Ted moved that we accept Karen as our associate priest and raise the money needed. Seconded by Marlaina and Erica. Motion passed. Announcement will take place at the end of the service tomorrow at both services.

3) Fr Fabio has been planning a funeral for June 9 at 3:30 pm.

Klade is planning her wedding on Saturday, May 28, 2022. This is a great thing, a vestry member getting married.

He will be in and out in June, continuing his doctoral studies at Seminary of the South – he is halfway through. He will have two classes in the morning and the rest of the day to study and do parish work.

No vestry meeting in July.

Fostenal's plans for caring for the grounds are going forward well.

We have several baptisms this spring. This is very encouraging.

4) Ted brought up our 3-year plan and the vestry members who have expressed which areas they would like to work in. He requested Lucy to help in the bilingual areas: website, bulletins. More members expressed their areas of interest. Our mission for this month is to establish our teams and begin to plan how to proceed. We will each report at the next meeting. He will send out a summary email on Monday.

Senior Warden's Report: The pit crew will be cooking on Pentecost. Last year Bernadette sponsored the ice cream truck on her own; this year she is inviting the vestry to share expenses with her if we want the truck. (nods all around).

Karen will be ordained on the 25th of June at the cathedral at 2 pm, and will celebrate mass on that Sunday. Bernadette and Fr Fabio decided on gifts: a BCP with her name engraved in it, and a "purse" meaning a collection just for her.

And thanks to the vestry for their continued support.

Safeguarding God's Children: Bernadette and Marver will be doing this June 6. Marlaina is lacking Safeguarding God's People, and is having problems with scheduling it.

5) No new business outside the wardens' reports.

6) Closed with the Lord's Prayer with intent to stop violence in this country and the world. Adjourned at 9:43 am.

Next meeting is June 18, 2022 at 8:30 am.

Submitted by Mary Lu Rogers, Clerk