

Vestry Meeting 9-17-2022

Attending: Bernadette Matthews, Ted Ruchalski, Marck Morman, Valerie Curry, Marlaina Woodward, Marver Browne, Erica Harris, Manuel Holguin, Klade Harmon, Mike Leary, and Kevin Lee. Also attending were Fr Fabio Sotelo, Mother Karen Anderson, Diane Van Slyke, and Mary Lu Rogers.

Absent: Lucy Herrera.

- 1) Meeting opened at 8:37 with a reading from Luke with discussion after. Many members found the parable confusing, particularly the manager's seeming dishonesty being commended. Fr Fabio interpreted this as possibly the manager sharing his commission as a way of being charitable.
- 2) Diane presented the internal audit with many thanks to the committee and Kathy Ruchalski. Mostly things are in order. There are a couple of really minor lapses, and corrections are being implemented on cutting checks and training counters. Check request forms are available in the church and on the website.
- 3) Ted reported on the meeting with Officer Baird last Saturday on security. We are doing a lot of things right. Our next step is to develop a written security plan.

We will be moving to Realm for overall bookkeeping and scheduling for church events, and there will be a lot of set up, but this one program will do what all our smaller products are doing at present. Ted attended a 2-day presentation and is very impressed with the product and the company.

- 4) On Strategic Plan reports, Reverend Swanson was speaking here last Sunday and presented the IWC ministry which we need to implement here at St. Edward's. Ted moves that we re-implement the Vestry Person of the Day program and duties. Valerie seconded. Discussion followed with questions as to duties, start date, etc. Vote called: 10 approving votes, so the motion carried. At this point, Bernadette brought up the Trunk or Treat event that she would like us to do. Ted remarked that this is short notice, but let's get it done. Marlaina commented that we need enough volunteers to bring cars for this. Valerie commented that fall events for the schools are planned in the summer. Bernadette will talk with her later and try planning for next year.

Klade and Erica will report next meeting on their goals. Likewise with Bernadette and Marck in their areas. Marck reported that he has not had volunteers for interviews; Ted volunteered himself and his wife. Fixed asset group is requested to get with Shirley on that.

- 5) Fr Fabio reported on the stewardship campaign that begins this fall, kicking off in November on Harvest Sunday.

This is Hispanic Heritage month, and he wants to celebrate this in our whole congregation.

He visited Athens with Senior Warden and sees opportunities for ministry for the church there. Bishop Wright was there for the dedication and baptism of a student.

We need to invite new vestry members in our church.

Blessing of the animals in the garden outside October 2 at 2 pm.

EFM has several candidates who will need sponsorship from the church.

6) No new business.

7) Bernadette thanked the Audit team.

Our new parish administrator is Sarah Rosser and she will start on Monday.

Vestry meeting time next month will be at 10:30 am on the fourth Saturday so that it will not interfere with Brotherhood and other meetings, specifically a meeting with Canon John on our usual Saturday. There followed a brief discussion on preferred meeting time. Most prefer to leave it at 8:30.

There will be a Christmas party on December 10 at 3-5 pm in Nickelson Hall with the Shepherd's group. Children will receive toys; youth will receive gift cards.

8) Closed with the intent to include the ill in our Lord's Prayer at 10:12 am.

Happy Birthday to Fr Fabio! He is bringing a cake to coffee hour tomorrow to share the celebration.

Next meeting will be October 22 at 10:30 am.

Submitted 9-17-2022

Mary Lu Rogers, Clerk