

## Vestry Meeting 4-15-2023

**Attending:** Jennifer Khaleel, Valerie Curry, Bernadette Matthews, Ted Ruchalski, Marlaina Grant, Marck Morman, and Kevin Lee. Also attending were Fr Fabio Sotelo, and Mary Lu Rogers.

**Absent:** Erica Harris, William Paasewe, Cecilia Midzi, Martha Cuenca, Brendalyne Tamba-Dahn, and Teresa Guzman.

Meeting called to order at 9:05 am by Fr Fabio with a reading from Acts. This was the time when the apostles were praying and looking to what was to come after the Ascension. His question to the vestry was what each of them saw as “what’s next” for them individually. Vestry members shared their experiences during Holy Week this year. The next question is one for our community’s future, which will be developed over this year.

The Financial Report was presented by Jennifer as Bill could not be here. Over the first quarter, we are somewhat ahead of budget; we had a surplus of \$17,890 which included donations toward the mortgage and other specific needs.

Ted reported on Realm and suggested the vestry begin doing vestry communications through it.

He did not ask for updates at this meeting, but requested to finalize which members were focused on which goals. Valerie will join Ted on IWC. In reviewing the teams and goals, some had updates on planned meetings. Martha and Teresa have not yet volunteered for a goal and Ted wants at least one of them to help with bilingual communication. He asked each team to meet withing the next month to continue the strategic goals. Ted and Fr Fabio will plan to meet soon to move data from the directory to Realm.

Jennifer reported on the need for vestry support for upcoming events. She also asked for assistance in setting up protocol for renting the parish hall. Valerie suggested Marvella Martin, Choco Harmon, and Samantha Toomey as the people who know best the needs of people who use the hall. Sometime in the next two weeks we will have the architect’s plans for renovation of Nickelson Hall. We will have a committee to take us forward on that. The committee will include Darcy Tatum, Manual Holguin, and others. Jennifer suggested putting out the love offering basket again at coffee hour to help offset the costs of paper plates, drinks, etc. After brief discussion, the idea was approved by acclamation.

We have two applications for Parish Administrative Assistant and Jennifer and Klade are working on setting up interviews.

VBS is still in the planning stages with a survey still out. Lois and her husband Rick, along with Carla, are planning to help with music. Raphael Nunez will also be available.

Fall Festival is scheduled for September 16, 2023. Plans so far include food, activities for children, possibly T-shirts. The committee will present plans to the vestry later. She hopes this will continue annually. The date was set earlier in the hope of good weather for this outdoor event.

We still need volunteers for Adult Education.

Fr Fabio reported his joy in the progress at St. Edward's. Mother Karen will be with us on April 23 and will preside on that day. He had a meeting with the diocese about finances; we supported her salary through the month of February. We have four months to go on the pledges that people made for her support. He wants the parishioners to decide what to do with those pledges. Either assign it to each individual pledge, assign it to one of the other donation choices, or return it to the individual. Jennifer would like to add the option to use it to support the new seminarian.

The Diocese has given Fr Fabio the name of a seminarian who will begin with us in August. Her name is Marycelis Otero. She is Fr Edgar Otero's wife; he is the pastor of Saint Anthony Episcopal Church in Winder. She is bilingual, musical, and good on computers. They have two teenage children. Fr Fabio hopes that she will continue with us through seminary and into her priesthood.

Fr Fabio will be taking his last two classes for Doctor of Ministry in theology this June.

The taco feast raised \$1500 for renovating Nickelson Hall. "The fact is, that every day we eat." He suggested that on some Fridays we cook at church and buy food there. He invited suggestions.

Mary Christopher will lead a Gratitude workshop next Saturday.

The End of Life workshop will be April 30; The vestry is asked to participate.

Don't forget the spaghetti dinner tonight: \$10 to benefit Hunger Walk.

Meeting closed with prayer: Bill and his family, Martha and her family, the challenges in this world, that we may be of one mind and heart.

Next meeting is May 20, 2023 at 9 am via Zoom.

Submitted 4-15-2023

Mary Lu Rogers, Clerk

On April 19, 2023, Jennifer requested approval of the minutes, with corrections. Corrections were made and approving votes given by Valerie, Marck, and Marlaina.

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