

Vestry Meeting 6-17-2023

Attending: Jennifer Khaleel, Bernadette Matthews, Marck Morman, Ted Ruchalski, Cecilia Midzi, Erica Harris, Valery Curry, Kevin Lee, Marlaina Grant, Teresa Guzman, and Martha Cuenca. Also attending were Fr Fabio Sotelo and Mary Lu Rogers.

Absent: Brendalyne Tamba-Dahn

The meeting was opened at 9:07 am with a reading from Luke followed by reflection on the questions below it. God vs greed, or concerns about assets or fear of want were all mentioned. Fr Fabio pointed out that this applies to more than monetary assets; consider life, time, health and all our blessings. These also can be hoarded or shared.

Bill Paasewe could not be present, but the financial statements were reviewed. Overall, the financial committee believes that we are in a good position, though for this month we are off a little bit.

Jennifer:

Audit Committee will meet early in July. The report needs to be in in August.

Fall Festival is being planned. There will be vendors, but they will have a \$75 fee and they will have to supply their own tent, table and chair. There will be food booths with Caribbean, Columbian and other cuisines. There will be bouncy houses and a dunk tank for Fr Fabio. Still to be determined is whether we may park in the church next door's lot. Flyers will be sent out with congregation members to spread the word. Bernadette had contacted St Timothy's and learned a lot about their previous festivals. The next meeting is July 1 in the gathering room at 11 am.

There is a mortgage committee of Jennifer, Darcy Tatum, George Herring, Marck Morman and Ted Ruchalski. We can go with Renaissance Bank or the diocese. The bank is willing to help with another 5-year loan. Canon Lange also suggests re-financing now rather than later with the interest rates rising. We will need about \$60,000 to redo and repair Nickelson Hall. The vestry is asked to consider how to do this: borrow a separate loan or borrow from ourselves to pay for the renovation.

Nicole and Bernadette will be in the Adult Education Ministry. Lorenzo has been asked to participate in the program, too. This is planned to begin in September.

Ministry Head meeting is scheduled for June 21 at 7 pm via Zoom. Please be there as head or liaison.

Thanks to Marlaina, Erica, and LeeAnn who are resigning from the youth leadership after a lot of wonderful work. The Diocese has a grant that can help with a youth minister; we will apply for it. Meanwhile, we are looking for volunteers to carry on the youth ministry.

The Annual Council meeting will be November 10 and 11. Bernadette and Sanya Simmons will join Jennifer at the meeting as our delegates. Lucy will be asked, too. Registration will be done in August.

Fr Fabio:

Klade Harmon is moving; tomorrow is her last day with us, so be there for their blessing.

Classes at Suwanee are going well. July 4-20 will be his vacation; he is planning a trip to Columbia. He thanked the vestry for carrying on whether he is present or not and requested that the members support one another.

On August 13 there will be a welcome to a group of clergy visiting Suwanee, but worshipping with us on this Sunday. We will have a joint service and a shared meal afterwards. The focus is on the Latino community and how to meld the parish into one community. In the afternoon, Tinuke Fawole will present her book on being an immigrant parent.

Evalú, an architect from Venezuela, has presented a rendering to the Saint Edwards NH renovation committee. The committee submitted some recommendations to her and she is making some adjustments. Once the committee approves it, it will be presented to the vestry and parish.

Please continue prayers for Manuel and also for Luis Ramos who is in the hospital for an intestinal obstruction. Valerie adds her son Lee who is back in the hospital also.

Ted reported that the Brotherhood has been working with the raffle group to get a washer/dryer and these will be delivered next week. Also, that the website went down last week, but is back up.

Teresa reported that only 102 raffle tickets have been sold. Hopefully, there will be more sold tomorrow. Proceeds are for the washer/dryer. Fr Fabio invited the vestry to be generous in buying tickets. Martha has found three bottles of tequila that will be added to the raffle.

Valerie reported that Family Promise needs volunteers in August. Get in touch with her.

Our closing prayer includes those mentioned above and others in the parish and relations, both those in need and those for whom we rejoice and bless. Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 10:35 am.

Next meeting is August 19 at 9 am via Zoom.

Submitted by Mary Lu Rogers on June 17, 2023.