

Vestry Meeting 2-10-2024

Attending: Jennifer Khaleel, Ted Ruchalski, Marck Mormon, Erica Harris, Valerie Curry, Brenda Tamba-Dahn, Darcy Tatum, Lorenzo Clark, Cecilia Midzi, Ruth Mannah, Alma Hurtado. Also attending were Fr Fabio Sotelo, Diane Van Slyke, Nicole Harris, and Mary Lu Rogers.

Absent: Martha Cuenca and Teresa Guzman

Meeting began 2:45 pm following the Vestry Retreat, taking place in Nickelson Hall this date.

Cecilia proposed Jennifer as Senior Warden; Erica seconded the motion, and all approved.

Jennifer nominated Alma Hurtado as Junior Warden; seconded by Valerie. Brenda nominated Darcy, who declined. All approved.

Jennifer recognized Ruth, Alma, Lorenzo, and Darcy and welcomed them to the vestry.

VPOD is a serious position and needs to be done each week. New members will be installed in the service tomorrow. Ted will send out a new schedule.

Vestry members are assigned to ministries as liaisons, and Jennifer wants feedback from the ministries through the year. Within two weeks Jennifer wants to know which ministries each member wishes to work with.

Due to old member input, we will start an 8 am Morning Prayer Service with communion during Lent. The Holy Eucharist will be at 10 am; Santa Communion will stay at 12:30 pm. Reasoning for the time change is that a lot of people would like a later service, and choir members would like a later rehearsal time. This change is for Lent followed by reassessment.

Notices at the services are given at the beginning, but during Lent, they will be given after communion.

Fr Fabio welcomed the vestry to another year of being on the team. He would like to know if anyone is not going to be at the meetings, and he encouraged the members to make all the meetings and to be present in the community.

Walk in love. Ask yourself what that means in your life. The vestry will discuss this at the next meeting.

Journey to Gratitude is the title of the new stewardship campaign which will begin next week. This includes gratitude for what you already receive and have. What are you grateful for here at St. Edward's?

Next meeting we will focus on our 2024 goals.

Valerie mentioned Vacation Bible School which the church intends to have this year. There is a March 1 deadline for a grant, so she will talk further with Fr Fabio before then.

Fr Fabio commented that tomorrow we continue to celebrate Black History Month with color and music.

Meeting closed at 3:40 pm with prayer and blessing.

Next meeting is March 16, 2024, at 9 am via Zoom.