

Vestry Meeting 4-13-2024

Attending: Jennifer Khaleel, Valerie Curry, Lorenzo Clarke, Cecilia Midzi, Teresa Guzman, Erica Harris, Brendalyne Tamba-Dahn, Ruth Hannah, Marck Morman, Alma Hurtado, Martha Cuenca, Darcey Tatum. Also attending were Fr Fabio Sotelo, Michael Lyons, William Paasewe, and Mary Lu Rogers

Absent: None

The meeting was opened by group reading of a passage from Luke and vestry members' responses. Fr Fabio pulled this together, commenting that Jesus remained in the community and that this passage helps us to understand that we have a new way of living with the resurrection of Jesus.

Jennifer requested Mike to speak about the Memorial Garden: when he looked at the garden on Palm Sunday, it looked rather rough. It did have a design when it started but that has not been followed. He has bought flowers to create some focal points; Darcey will trim some of the shrubs. This is part of a three-year plan to revitalize the garden. He will be presenting a budget at a later date. This covers only the fenced-in area. Darcey and crew have been cleaning up the area outside to good effect. There is a budget for the garden; Mike doesn't think he will go above it.

Darcey began the financial report: we are still short on collections though less so in March than in the previous two months. From now to the end of the second quarter we need to be very careful with expenditure; we will reassess our position then. Bill emphasized that the vestry needs to be creative in how to raise money. We are possibly \$3,000 short on what has been budgeted for our audit this year, for instance. Jennifer would like to have two people in the meeting with the auditor on Wednesday; she will be out of town, Bill has another appointment, and most of the vestry work. Fr Fabio will step in.

The list of ministry liaisons was included in Jennifer's email. She would like a little report about once a quarter from each.

The Health Workshop on dealing with emergencies has not been set up yet.

VBS will happen this year. Jennifer will talk to John Talipski about getting a sign out for this. Valerie reported that there is a meeting of the VBS group today after vestry meeting.

A community garden will be started today after the Brotherhood meeting. The beds have already been planned. Soil and wood have been donated.

Committee for the Fall Festival had a meeting and planning is ongoing on a new floorplan. Vendor fee is \$150.

Yoshi Yukishige is planning to begin a Scottish dancing class on the third Sunday of each month, probably beginning in July.

Alma is working on getting two lights in the parking lot replaced. One of the church doors is not locking properly; if our own people cannot fix it, we will have to get it fixed. Part of the problem is the timer: the door will not lock before 2:30 pm on Sunday anyway.

Fr Fabio reported that we will continue to offer three services each Sunday. The early service has proved to be supportive of our life of faith.

Meghan Vesel is helping with the youth. She has some activity for the youth each month and has sent a report to Fr Fabio. Fostenal Dahn has also been helping. Even without a Youth Director we have opportunities open for our youth.

Jennifer will be on vacation for two weeks but will be available by email. She recognized Fr Fabio and his service to the church. This is his tenth anniversary at St. Edward's.

Fr Fabio opened a space to mention by name those with physical ailments who need our prayers including John Talipsky, Sr., Charles Rogers, Denise Robinson and her mother Fayette, Mikki and Wendell, Gary, Marian and Jay Franks, Lee Curry, Brianna. Thanksgiving for healing for Ruth Mannah, Mary Lu Rogers, and Fr Fabio. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 10:32 am.

The next vestry meeting will be held Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 9 am via Zoom.