

Vestry Meeting 6-15-2024

Attending: Jennifer Khaleel, Erica Harris, Valerie Curry, Darcey Tatum, Lorenzo Clarke, Martha Cuenca, Brendalyne Tamba-Dahn, Ruth Mannah, Marck Morman. Also attending were Fr Fabio Sotelo, William Paasewe, and Mary Lu Rogers.

Absent: Teresa Guzman, Cecilia Midzi, Alma Hurtado

Meeting was opened at 9:04 am with a reading from the Gospel of Mark, first sentence by sentence by the vestry members, then in total by Brenda. Individual members related phrases and sentences that spoke to them and discussed them. Fr Fabio offered his reflections on this scripture.

Bill Paasewe gave the financial report, beginning with a summary of finances for this year, showing that at present expenses are controlled and we have a fairly stable financial standing. Darcey asked if the second plate offering plate is still going to begin tomorrow. Jennifer explained that she intends to have that discussion later in the meeting, but it was agreed to discuss it while Bill was present. Discussion by Valerie, Fabio and Jennifer followed with a consensus that the second collection should be done as previously announced to the congregation. Valerie requested the second plate for donations to Family Promise but conceded that the offering had been announced. Family Promise donations go onto the general plate. Bill suggested we should at the Parish Town Hall Meeting that will be held on the third Sunday in August present to the congregation the finances of the church. Preparations for the audit are in order Diane Van Slyke is helping with reports as needed.

VBS is June 19-23, beginning at 6:30 pm in Nickelson Hall with a meal. There are 40 people already signed up of all ages. This event is on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, meals will begin at 6:30 pm. Preparations are going well. On Saturday, activities will begin at 11:30 am with a picnic. It ends in church on Sunday with an 11 am bilingual service. Jennifer asked all the vestry members to attend.

The Town Hall Meeting was agreed to be scheduled for August 18.

The parishioners participating in Lay diocesan training have already been approved for the upcoming year session for lay readers.

Father Fabio reported on Nickelson Hall needs renovations this year. At least the floor needs the covering replaced, walls painted, and the lights need replacement. Several members of the noon congregation have offered labor to assist in keeping the costs down. Darcey requested that this matter be discussed with the congregation at the Town Hall Meeting in August.

Jennifer asked for the vestry to vote on continuing our 10% contribution to the diocese to support their ministries. For the year 2025 the total will be \$28,524 (this is based on a three-year average of our income). **Every member of the vestry**

voted unanimously “YES” to continue with our contribution. Motion made to approve by Valerie, seconded by Erica.

Jennifer requested the vestry to continue challenging themselves to raise money for the parish. The food sale last Sunday brought in a profit of \$500.

Fall Festival has 10 vendors signed up, 3 of them non-profits. We need more, and they can sign up online. The raffle has a \$1000 prize, a 75-inch TV, and a grill.

Farmers’ Market permit is being pursued online. It begins Saturday and has 2 vendors so far.

Fr Fabio reported that June has been very busy for him. He plans to be out July 14 and 28 and he has replacements arranged for those dates. In June he attended Canuga conference where he presented St. Edward’s as an example of a working bilingual parish. Bishop Curry opened the conference; his health has improved.

At the end of June, there will be a conference for the Liberians, to raise money for education in Liberia. On June 30, Bishop Boku will be speaking at our worship, and we may have about 30 visitors from the conference.

August 11 we will have visiting priests again, but with our regular schedule, and they will be attending the second service, having a meal and discussion.

The office will be closed June 19 for Juneteenth.

At 10:30 am Fr Fabio began with names of persons for prayer; vestry members added more names. The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer at 10:32 am.

The next meeting will be August 17, 2024, via Zoom.

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Mary Lu Rogers