

Vestry Meeting 11-16-2024

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

Absent: Martha Cuenco

The meeting opened at 9:04 am with a reading from Matthew, read first sentence by sentence by various members of the vestry, then in toto by Marck. Then there was discussion of the phrases and sentences that had meaning to individual members. Fr Fabio summarized the discussion with his reflections on the text.

Bill presented the financial report, beginning with the Statement of Activity which measures how we are doing month to month. Although receipts have been lower than expected, he hopes that we can still meet our projected amounts by the end of the year. Expenses have been well controlled; Bill commended the priest and wardens for their continued frugality. Jennifer added that we have spent approximately \$22,000 on materials for the renovation of Nickelson Hall out of approximately \$32,000 in our budget. Although the final numbers are not yet in, she believes we will not overspend our budgeted amount. This is due to Fr Fabio helping get the flooring at a discount, all the donations for painting, and especially all the donated labor; the value of the labor has been estimated at about \$60,000 if we did not have volunteers to help with labor. Bill requested a performance budget.

Jennifer reviewed the proposed rental fees for Nickelson Hall (See attached print-out.) Darcey wanted to know what amount would be set for the deposit. After discussion, Lorenzo suggested that the deposit for the Hall be \$150 instead of \$100.00. She requested the vestry to approve the new guidelines for hall rental. Darcey moved that the guidelines be approved as presented except that the deposit be set at \$150. Second, by Teresa. Motion carried.

Darcey requested the vestry work on the resolution for a fund designated for the salary of the priest-in-charge/rector and staff. Darcey moved the vestry to accept this resolution; Erica seconded the motion. Motion is carried. The Proposed Resolution for the Endowment will be discussed at a later date.

Fr Fabio reported on the renovation of Nickelson Hall. The Hall will be ready for the event this afternoon and for the dedication tomorrow. There will be a little more electrical work, but the lights work. The downstairs bathrooms are planned to be finished by December.

Jennifer reported on the 118th Annual Council meeting of the Diocese.

She reminded ministry liaisons to get budget numbers for the first week in December.

Alma confirmed Fr Fabio's report on Nickelson Hall. She suggested a Holiday Market just for the congregation inside the Hall with vendors on Sunday, December 15, as a source of income for the church. Darcey suggested a percentage of sales as donation rather than a fee for space. Fr Fabio agreed to the idea of the Market. Alma will reach out to the Fall Festival Vendors and email the vestry if this proves possible. The vestry agreed on a 10% donation.

Fr Fabio worked with Carla Strott and Sanya Simmons on an inclusivity statement: "Come as you are. St. Edward's affirm the dignity of every human being. God's abundant love is here for all." "Ven como tu eres. San Eduardo afirma la dignidad de todo ser humano. El amor abundante de Dios esta aqui para todos." He asked the vestry to comment and approve this for presentation to the congregation. Darcey moved to approve; Alma seconded; the motion carried.

Jennifer opened the floor: no new business. She requests the December meeting be in person in Nickelson Hall 10 am on December 21st.

Fr. Fabio opened a space for names of those for whom we should pray, ending with the Lord's Prayer by all at 10:46 am.