

Vestry Retreat/Meeting 2-15-2025

Attending: Jennifer Khaleel, Alma Hurtado, Darcey Tatum, Brendalyne Tamba-Dahn, Charmaine Mitchell, Teresa Guzman, George Herrin, Kathy Yukishige, Lee Ann Sipe, Monie Toomey, Emmanuel Mitchell. Also attending were Fr Fabio Sotelo, Nicole Harrison, Charles Rogers, Mary Lu Rogers and William Paasewe.

Absent: Martha Cuenca, Lorenzo Clarke, Ruth Mannah.

Morning Prayer began at 9:15 am following breakfast. The lesson was parables of the Kingdom of God, followed by discussion of how the vestry members see the Kingdom of God, the values of it, and how we as people of that Kingdom should celebrate our faith. Fr Fabio asked how the vestry sees our church in the Kingdom of God. After his summary, Morning Prayer was continued.

Fr Fabio welcomed the vestry members present and discussed what it means to be a vestry member. Fr Fabio asked that Jennifer continue as Sr Warden; she accepted. George moved she be accepted as Sr Warden and Darcey seconded the motion. The motion carried. Fr Fabio thanked Alma for her work and asked Darcey to take over as Jr Warden. Alma so moved; Brenda seconded. The motion carried. Nicole continues to be our Chancellor; Mary Lu continues as Clerk.

Bill passed out copies of the January 2025 Statement of Activities and the Summary. He then went over the Summary with explanation of how to read it. The numbers are quite favorable, but we should be aware that some people pay their pledges all at once. Darcey commented that he would like to see a line monthly of pledges for the Endowment Fund collected since there was a line for it on the pledge cards. Bill will see to it for the next month's report.

All present introduced themselves one by one with a brief history and what each likes about this parish.

Fr Fabio reviewed the notebook each of the vestry has with emphasis on the first section (our Statements), and Section 4 (the Vestry Handbook).

One of the requirements for the parish to have full parish listing is to complete the Congregation Assessment Tool, a survey that must be completed before a rector can be appointed for the church. It will be available March 2 and needs to be completed and assessed before the next step. Sally from the Diocese will be here to meet with the vestry on February 23rd and again on April 6th. She will come to talk to the parish on May 4th.

The vestry will set goals for the 5-year Strategic Plan after the CAT is completed.

Each vestry member is a liaison to one or more ministries, to keep them and the vestry in touch. The old and new members chose those ministries to liaise with. An updated list will be provided.

Each vestry member has dates assigned to be VPOD, to open and close the church and do announcements at the 10 am service and address needs of the day. Alma commented that the noon service does not get the announcements unless she is VPOD, and the later service does not know all the things going on in the church as a result. Jennifer would like the VPOD to give announcements at both services.

Alma reported the Fall Festival will be held on September 27th. Bernadette has resigned; Alma will be in charge with Lee Ann as co-chair.

Darcey reminded all that the Fish Fry begins March 7th; there will be a total of 7 meals during Lent. He requests that the vestry attend and spread the news.

Tomorrow is the installation of the vestry, and Fr Fabio would like all to attend both services for this.

Fr Fabio reminded the vestry of upcoming events. There will be a meeting with the mayor later this week mostly concerning the Farmers' Market. The next week he has a luncheon with the sheriff. "Under the Stars" will be in May to raise money for the choir.

The next meeting will be via Zoom on March 15th, 2025, at 9 am.

Geraldo came in to say that he is back to finish the work on Nickelson Hall.

The meeting was closed with prayer for Sound Government at 12:24 pm.

Submitted by Mary Lu Rogers

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