

Vestry Meeting 3-15-2025

Attending: Jennifer Khaleel, Lee Ann Sipe, George Herrin, Darcey Tatum, Brenda Tamba-Dahn, Kathy Yukishige, Lorenzo Clarke, Ruth Mannah, Alma Hurtado, and Charmaine Mitchell. Also attending were Fr Fabio Sotelo, Nicole Harrison, William Paasewe, and Mary Lu Rogers.

Absent: Teresa Guzman, Martha Cuenca, and the youth representatives.

Opened with prayer at 9:01 am by Fr Fabio.

Financial report was given by Bill Paasewe. January was a good month, and the report on February shows we were short by between \$6,000 and \$7,000, but we are doing okay. We need to see how the year progresses, especially after the first quarter. Expenses were up a little mostly due to the CAT survey happening this month. Utilities were up with the cold weather, too.

George reported on the CAT: we had 119 responses, right at 80% response rate. A new email will go out as soon as possible to remind us that we have one more week. It will contain a link.

We will need another soft audit this year. Diane may be able to do part of it; we are trying to get Jeff's fee down some.

VPOD reminders given by Jennifer. If unable to do all the duties, she is willing to help. Brenda asked if it were possible to have one for the 10 am service and a Spanish speaker for the noon service. Jennifer replied that there is always someone to translate, and the vestry needs to be a part of both services.

We are planning a welcome coffee hour for our newest members on April 26, 2025, at 9:45 am. Darcey will host with help from the vestry. We used to do this regularly.

Ministry Fair is tomorrow. A few ministry heads will be asked to share and greet.

Darcey sent out his report by email. He read through it in the meeting. (Copy attached.) We have a workday scheduled for April 5th. Storage in the undercroft is a real necessity, as assorted "stuff" has become a fall and safety hazard. The church needs de-cluttering.

Fr Fabio invited Alma to speak about the Ministry Fair. She will be at the church this afternoon to begin setting up and asks ministry heads to come early on Sunday to get set up at their own sites. We are watching the weather and threat of tornadoes, most of which will be before church on Sunday; heavy rain with lightning is predicted for this evening.

Fr Fabio reported that Sally Ulrey had told him that the vitality of St. Edward's is good. He is very pleased with new faces in the church and choir and with the services this season of Lent. He encouraged involvement in the Lenten Series. Meghan Vessel has a program with the youth for scripture involvement and snack packs for college students and military. He then reviewed the Covenant of the Vestry with the members, emphasizing the need for all vestry members be certified in Safe Guarding God's Children/People.

Jennifer reminded the vestry that Sally Ulrey will be visiting again on April 6th, and the vestry needs to be there.

Nicole encouraged attendance at the Lenten Series on Sunday, involvement in the Easter Egg Hunt activities, and the need to comply with Diocesan requirements.

Lee Ann reported that the Hunger Walk went well and collected \$725 plus the change, not yet counted.

Fr Fabio reminded the group that the community garden will be needing seeds and plants.

Darcey reported that the first Friday Fish Fry served 95 meals and last night 75 meals. We have several new people involved in the Fish Fry.

Schedule changes due to Holy Week were discussed: vestry will meet early and Brotherhood will have their meeting postponed until after Holy Week.

Closing prayer for Shandi, George's son and daughter, those affected by inclement weather and for our protection. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 10:21 am.

The next meeting will be April 12th, 2025 via Zoom at 9:00 am.

Submitted 3-15-2025 by Mary Lu Rogers.

On 3-24-2025, Jennifer called for an email vote to approve the minutes. Approving were George Herrin, Brenda Tamba, Ruth Mannah, Darcey Tatum, Lee Ann Sipe, and Teresa Guzman.