

## Vestry Meeting 4-12-2025

**Attending:** Jennifer Khaleel, Kathleen Yukishige, Darcey Tatum, Lee Ann Sipe, Brenda Tamba-Dahn, Lorenzo Clarke, George Herrin, Charmaine Mitchell, Lawrence Toomey, Teresa Guzman, and Emmanuel Mitchell. Also attending were Fr Fabio Sotelo, Diane Van Slyke, Bernadette Matthews, Alma Hurtado, and Mary Lu Rogers.

**Absent:** Martha Cuenca, Ruth Mannah

At 9:02 am the meeting was opened by Fr Fabio with prayer for the nation and a reading from Luke, read sentence by sentence by individual members, then in toto by Charmaine. Fr Fabio spoke on the last few lines, that we must speak the truth in love, with thought and respect.

Diane reported on the church's finances, explaining the Statement of Activities in brief. Basically, we are headed in the right direction. We have an audit coming up in May for which we are preparing, and which is required by the Diocese. Darcey had questions about funding repairs and utilities.

Bernadette had a concern about counting, especially about the 8 am service. She has two counters who collect the money and put it in the safe. VPOD needs to go with the counter to put the money in the office safe. Same for the 12:30 pm service: VPOD needs to accompany the counters to get the money to the safe. Collections at this service are counted and deposited a week later. Fr Fabio and Jennifer thanked her for her ministry. Ted will be asked to add this to the duties of the VPOD.

George reported on the interpretation of the CAT by Sally last Sunday. The response was very good, and her opinion was that St. Edward's is in good shape. The next step is her presentation to the congregation on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Jennifer reminded the vestry that the newcomers' coffee hour will be in the chapel on April 27<sup>th</sup>, and she will need at least one vestry member to speak about the vestry and church at the coffee hour. Lee Ann volunteered.

VBS is coming up June 11-15. Kathy and Nicole are working on that,

Darcey reported on the workday last Saturday: a lot of clean-up got done. The basement clearing is still underway, but the restrooms are useable now. The Parish Hall still has some electrical work to be done. A lawn mower got donated when the drive on ours died. The Fish Fry has been a success; a full report will follow when all the numbers are in.

Jennifer thanked all those who helped with the Wednesday evening Lenten Series.

Fr Fabio reviewed the schedule for Holy Week, most services being bilingual at this sacred commemoration. He is also working with Jennifer on the paperwork required by the Diocese to get him installed as rector. He reminded the vestry that Tobias will be selling tacos tomorrow to raise money for the community garden; they will do the planting April 27th. He reminded the vestry to make sure they are up to date in SafeGuarding God's Children and People and to sign up for the Racial Healing seminar on Saturday.

Lee Ann announced a fund raiser for the Music Ministry on May 30<sup>th</sup>, a Friday night, at \$10 each. There will be prizes for the best decorated table. This will be under the stars on the horseshoe, and people will be bringing a dish to share with their table. Entertainment will be volunteered.

Fr Fabio wants to experiment with having 11 am bilingual service for a month during June. This comes after the CAT and several conversations with congregation members who would like to work on building community bonds. A motion was made and carried by vocal vote to do so.

Fr Fabio asked prayer for Cindy, those on a dark journey, Delores, and Marvelle's father as the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 10:25 am.

The next meeting will be May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 9 am via Zoom.

Submitted by Mary Lu Rogers on April 12, 2025.