

**August 25, 2022 – Vestry Minutes**  
Submitted by the Acting Clerk of the Vestry

**Members in Attendance**

Fr. Perry Mullins  
Jackie White, Treasurer  
Katrinka Clark  
Meg Cotter-Lynch  
Karen Friedland  
Guy Giersch  
Michelle Hutton  
John Lavalette  
Chris Mathew  
Paul Newton  
Scott Patterson  
Tucker Thompson

**Members Not in Attendance**

Tara Alt, Clerk  
Molly Mitchell  
Julia Shahid

**Non-Members in Attendance**

Eric Williams

**Call to Order, Prayers, Consent Calendar**

Fr. Perry opened the meeting at 7:08pm with the acknowledgement of Jackie White's birthday. After a brief celebratory song and cake presentation, the Vestry members offered prayer requests for specific individuals. Fr. Perry offered a prayer.

The Building and Grounds Report along with the Finance Report were removed from the Consent Calendar for further discussion. It was then approved, containing the July Minutes and the 2021 Audit Report.

**Building and Grounds Report**

Karen Friedland started off with great news. The insurance company will cover the repairs of every shingled roof on campus for just the cost of our deductible, approximately \$14,000.

The foundation issues for the church office and the Lamar Street property yielded different news. While both properties need foundation work, 606 Lamar requires immediate attention. The Vestry discussed the submitted bids and ultimately decided to move forward with the repairs to the Lamar property with funding up to \$10,000. Tucker made the motion, it was seconded by Scott and approved unanimously.

The office repairs will be addressed next year as they are not as urgent.

**Finance Report**

Jackie addressed questions about the finance report including a missing graph that she will promptly email to the Vestry. The finance report was ultimately approved. Motion made by Karen and seconded by Chris.

**Discussion**

The Vestry discussed *A Generous Community* (chapters 2 - 4). The focus was on chapter 4, Our Guiding Principles. The discussion included how the world is changing yet we are operating the same way. Vestry members discussed their take on Unity, Connection and Sharing Resources as they relate to the proposed model of Fr. Perry's sabbatical next year. The assignment for September 22<sup>nd</sup> is chapters 5 -7.

### **Information and Business**

Eric Williams joined the meeting to update the Vestry on the stewardship campaign. This years' theme is 'More Than Enough.' The 4-week campaign will run Sept. 11-Oct. 2, culminating in a celebratory lunch in the parish hall. Eric expressed his desire to think outside the box and embrace the communal aspect by inviting the community to participate in our celebration. There are still logistical challenges to address and discussions are ongoing.

Michelle presented information from four different property management companies for the Lamar Street house. While all four claim to focus on customer service and providing a great customer service experience, one stood out. V.A.R. Realty Group was more thorough in communicating and their pricing was comparable to that of NTXPM, the original company contacted by Fr. Perry.

The Vestry has a brief discussion and expressed the need to get more details on discounted rates, contract length, the vetting of contractors and the process for the approval of repair costs.

Michelle made a motion to move forward with securing a contract from one of the two companies, Meg seconded, and the motion passed with one opposed.

### **Announcements**

Staff Update - Fr. Perry and Joe Lindsay have hired an Organ Scholar. He is an SMU graduate and will focus on playing the instrument while Joe will continue as Interim Music Director. The Organ Scholar is a 10-month program year hire.

Katrinka moved to adjourn, Meg seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Following a prayer by Guy, the meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Prayerfully submitted,  
Michelle Hutton (Acting Clerk)

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**Approved by Email Vote:** 08/28/2022

**Signature:** *Michelle Hutton*  
Michelle Hutton, Acting Clerk