

September 22, 2022 - Vestry Minutes
Submitted by the Clerk of the Vestry

Members in Attendance

Fr. Perry Mullins
Tara Alt, Clerk
Katrinka Clark
Guy Giersch
John Lavalette
Chris Mathew
Paul Newton
Scott Patterson
Julia Shahid
Jackie White

Members Not in Attendance

Meg Cotter-Lynch
Karen Friedland
Michelle Hutton
Molly Mitchell
Tucker Thompson

Non-Members in Attendance

Mtr. Kathy Heitman

Call to Order, Prayers, Consent Calendar

Fr. Perry opened the meeting with prayer at 7:09pm. Vestry members offered prayer requests for specific individuals. Prayers were followed by a discussion of the scripture passage Acts 10:1-7, 34-48; 11 1-4, 15-18. The discussion included talking about when God has done something surprising in your life, with replies including finding St. Peter's and learning to pray and to listen; and in the life of our parish, replies including having insurance cover the roof replacement, the founding and growth of Empty Bowls, Community Garden Kitchen, maintaining our community during the pandemic, and the success of Shaping our Future.

The Consent Calendar was accepted, and it was noted that the minutes had been approved by a prior unanimous email vote.

Discussion

The Vestry discussed *A Generous Community* (Ch. 5-7). Using the book as a guide, the group participated in an exercise of creating a web of connections, noting existing connections and ones that could be made. This could be a guide in finding future projects and priorities.

Information and Business

Karen Friedland reported in absentia on the foundation work on the Lamar St. house and recommended doing the foundation work for the office during the current calendar year. There is approximately \$19,600 left in the major repairs budget, but some will need to go to finishing the Lamar Street leveling and repair project. Leveling the office this year may create overage in the facilities repair budget, but the work must be done. The vestry also noted that prices could go up. Julia moved to go ahead with the repairs and Chris seconded. After some discussion and feedback from Karen on the expected costs, the motion passed unanimously.

The vestry moved on to a preliminary review of the 2023 budget. Scott Patterson will research and report back on a reserve study. The vestry also discussed several budget categories, including increases where appropriate and other priorities, including filling staff positions and additional funds to connect with our surrounding neighborhood. The finance committee will take the vestry's discussions into consideration when setting the proposed budget. Wish-list items were also discussed.

Announcements

Mtr. Kathy was welcomed back from sabbatical. Fr. Perry told the vestry that we were not awarded the Lilly grant to fund his 2023 sabbatical. He said that while he will still undertake the project, it will be somewhat scaled back and he will look for other sources of funding.

The vestry was reminded of Celebration Sunday on Oct. 2.

John moved to adjourn, Scott seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Following a prayer by Paul, the meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.

Prayerfully submitted,
Tara Alt, Clerk

Approved:

Date: 10/27/22

Signed: Tara Alt
Tara Alt, Clerk