

Vestry Minutes - March 22, 2023
Submitted by the Clerk of the Vestry

Members in Attendance

Fr. Perry Mullins
Karen Friedland, Jr. Warden
Jackie White, Treasurer
Daniel Barnes, Clerk
Julia Fox
EJ Nowak
Tye Stewart
Michelle Hutton
Chris Mathew
Scott Patterson
Tucker Thompson
Julia Shahid

Members Not in Attendance

Molly Mitchell, Sr. Warden
Katrinka Clark
Courtney Williams

Non-Members in Attendance

Call to Order, Prayers, Consent Calendar

Fr. Perry opened the meeting at 7:09pm and offered prayer. He suggested moving the start time to 7:15 to accommodate the Wednesday evening programs. Julia Shahid read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and the vestry discussed. Fr. Perry asked for approval of the consent calendar and it was passed.

Discussion

Fr. Perry began a discussion of the change equation from February's agenda. The vestry discussed how growth is a challenge because change includes a fear of losing identity. Fr. Perry asked, "How do we grow without losing identity?" Julia Shahid mentioned that we must, "keep core values," to which Chris Mathew asked, "what core values have we established?"

Scott Peterson stated parishioners need to know and accept core values, and Chris Mathew added the importance of demonstrating core values. The vestry discussed a number of core values, including outreach, service within the church, being welcoming, inclusive, and prayerful. Fr. Perry noted that the church has a strong prayer ministry. The vestry also mentioned youth participation, interdenominational relationships, and generosity as core values. E.J. stressed the importance of continuing to grow youth, and Chris Mathew suggested that continued growth over many years requires preparedness. Fr. Perry noted the importance of highly trained leaders and talked about growing "horizontally" vs. "vertically."

In the fall, we will begin work on a vision and mission that will lead to long-range planning.

Business

Admin Items- Fr. Perry passed around a sign-up sheet for bible verses and dessert, then passed out vestry binders and offered materials to create name tags for any vestry members that need one.

Reserve Study- Scott Peterson introduced bids for the reserve study. He presented two, with one more expected to arrive in the next 7-10 days. One bid, for \$6800, included a number of churches as references. Scott preferred this company because of these references and the rapid response of their customer service. The other bid was for \$7000 and included a follow up survey a year later. E.J. asked why the church needed a reserve study, and Fr. Perry explained the history and purpose. He also said that \$5,000 was previously

earmarked for a reserve study. No decision was made.

Miracle Group- There was a brief discussion about the possibility of opening up space in the Terrill House for the Miracle Group, which had inquired about the use of our space for their meetings. The vestry agreed that the group was too large and required too many meeting times to be accommodated, however, reaffirmed our desire to host 12-step programs on campus.

Ordination Interview- Andy Golla appeared via Zoom and interviewed with the vestry. Fr. Perry read Form B: "Vestry Nomination of an Aspirant for Holy Orders and Vestry Financial Commitment" and asked for approval from the vestry. Tucker Thompson made the motion and Michelle Hutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Update- Claire Petty will begin as Director of Children's Ministry on April 4.

Announcements & Adjournment

Fr. Perry announced the Cultural Intelligence Training on April 30th from 1pm to 5pm. Members of St. Andrews will be in attendance for the training from the Threaded group of McKinney. The meeting is required for vestry members, staff, and leadership.

Julia Shahed moved to adjourn at 9:19pm, with Michelle Hutton seconding, and Scott Patterson closed in prayer.

Prayerfully submitted,
Daniel Barnes

Approved:

Date: _____

4/26/23

Signed: _____

Daniel Barnes

Daniel Barnes, Clerk