

January 24, 2024 - Vestry Minutes
Submitted by the Clerk of the Vestry

Members in Attendance

Fr. Perry Mullins
Molly Mitchell, Sr. Warden
Karen Friedland, Jr. Warden
Daniel Barnes, Clerk
Julia Fox
EJ Nowak
Tye Stewart
Courtney Williams
Michelle Hutton
Chris Mathew
Scott Patterson
Jackie White, Treasurer

Members Not in Attendance

Katrinka Clark
Tucker Thompson
Julia Shahid

Non-Members in Attendance

Call to Order, Prayers, Consent Calendar

Fr. Perry opened the meeting at 7:19pm and asked for prayer requests for specific individuals before offering a prayer. The vestry read and discussed Matthew 25:21. Fr. Perry asked for the approval of the consent calendar, and hearing no objection or amendment, it was approved.

Discussion

Fr. Perry discussed the work that will begin in the Spring to develop mission and vision statements. Conversations with the congregation will begin in February and March. The vestry discussed the components of the plan, in which they included a survey, large group listening sessions by a consultant, cottage groups, and personal interviews with 5-10 individuals by a consultant. The Vestry identified possible cottage groups as: new visitors (attendance less than 18 months or post-pandemic), youth, parents, young adults, long-time members, retirees, civic leaders, volunteers which do not attend, and music. The mind of the vestry was happy with the outline of the process and ready to move forward.

Information and Business

Finance Report

EJ Nowak moved to accept the financial report, with Courtney Williams seconding. Jackie White asked for questions about the financial report. Hearing none, she reviewed the report with the Vestry. Jackie indicated a surplus from 2023 will carry over into 2024. The music ministry is over-budget, although plans are in place to raise funds. An auction will be held every other year in between the years of the youth group auction. Jackie also announced the Shaping our Future funds are expended and closed. The report was adopted unanimously.

Building and Grounds

Fr. Perry noted that putting locks on the dumpster has not deterred unlawful dumping. He also informed the Vestry that Randy, and others, performed clean-up behind SPARC. Fr. Perry asked the Vestry for a way to thank Randy for his efforts. A battery-powered leaf blower and other personal gift was suggested. Courtney motioned to approve both items, with EJ seconding. It was approved unanimously with the instruction for Karen Friedland to select and purchase the items.

Nominating Committee Report

Molly Mitchell again discussed with the vestry the change in voting procedure. She announced the four Vestry positions for 2024 will be filled by four nominees: Judy Shaw, Todd Snively, Ray Murphy, and Sara Hosford. The candidates for delegate to Diocesan Convention are: Lynn Christensen, John Kalb, Charly Clark, Mike McClesky, Meg Cotter-Lynch, Mark McElhinny, Jeff Kowaleski, and Deedie Scaife. The vestry expressed their thanks to the nominating committee for their work.

Staff Update

Fr. Perry announced the new Parish Administrator, Rebecca Little-De La Paz, will start on February 5th. The Youth and Children’s Minister, Margaret Kinnett, will start on February 21. Fr. Perry thanked the search committees for their hard work.

Announcements & Adjournment

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on February 4th, and a Vestry retreat will be held on April 27th.

Scott Patterson moved to adjourn at 8:52 PM, with Tye Stewart seconding. The vote was unanimous and Molly closed in prayer.

Approved:

Date: 02/28/2024

Signed: 
Rebecca De La Paz, Clerk