



Meeting of the Vestry with Corporation Meeting Embedded
June 6, 2023, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Vestry members present: Caroline Rose, Leslie Uddin, Nancy Easterlin-Smith, Chris Elwell, Scott Madden, Jim Reese, Gay Jolley, Martha Evans, **Diana Parise (via zoom)**, Man Martin

Clergy present: The Rev. Monica Mainwaring and The Rev. Colin Brown

Guests present: Brad Ferrer

Call to order: The Vestry met in person in the library of the Church. Monica called the meeting to order. Clerk certified a quorum and Monica led us in the opening prayer.

Dwelling in the Word: Colin Brown read a passage from John (21:2-6). How do we know God's voice when he is telling us a different way? Are there times as a vestry / parish we have or have not listened to God's voice? How about in our personal life? Reflected - We are not in control - God is. There are limitless possibilities and we can only imagine a small portion of them. Life does not go the way that we expect/imagine/engineer - and it is usually to our benefit.

Reports:

Clerk's Report (Scott Madden):

- Vestry approved the May minutes as amended for accuracy.
- The next Vestry meeting will be Tuesday, August 15th (5:00 pm - 7:00 pm) followed by dinner.

Junior Warden's Report (Martha Evans):

- Gable Hall Media upgrades - new projector and new speaker
- Green team recycling bins - trading out a regular bin for a recycling bin (bins will include a recycling option)
- Prayer Garden Water Line repair - need a source of water (must locate and repair leak).
- Rug cleaning, rebinding, and installation - rugs donated by Kathy Evenson need to be cleaned, rebound, and installed (significantly, the one in the sanctuary).
- Secure Lock FOBs for additional doors - some do not currently close well. This will give us more doors with FOB access.
- The vestry voted unanimously to approve the above mentioned expenses, to be requested of the Endowment Fund.
- Progress is being made on classroom space which will be ready for the fall semester.

Senior Warden's Report (Grant Ford):

- Grant is abroad - no report.

Treasurer's Report (Leslie Uddin):

- The deficit started the year at \$250k; YTD we are at a \$77k deficit.
- Through May, our revenues total 47% of our annual goal (on track for the year)
- Remain static on pledges at 215 totaling \$922k.
- Jed plans on taking a \$30k draw from the investment account very soon to take advantage of the current market peak.
- Per Monica, the 2021 audit has just been returned to us. A meeting was held last week to review it with the auditors. The endowment fund is included, and it was a clean audit.

Rector's report (Monica Mainwaring):

- Lay Licensing for Gay Jolley (preaching and pastoral care) and Vince Vitti (preaching) approved by the Vestry unanimously.
- 2023 Diocesan Annual Council delegates - we are continuing with the approach of requesting those interested in the ministry of the diocese serve as delegates, and voting approval of a slate.
 - Maryann Lozano, Jeff Mack, Leslie Uddin, Scott Madden, and Vince Vitti have accepted the invitation, and were approved unanimously by the Vestry to serve as our delegation (in addition to Clergy - Monica, Colin, and Victoria). Jim Reese will serve as alternate.
- Banner design for poles in front of the foyer - Nancy volunteered to work on the design.
- Mary Margaret Stewart will be our new Communications Director - it will be a part-time role for her. She starts on August 15th.
- ONE St. Martins continues to go well - we need a bigger budget for the meal.
 - Vestry member Caroline Rose volunteered to help organize the 12 feasts for the year among the guilds.
- 3rd Sunday service, 5pm (not well attended) - potential for young adults on Sunday evening if we consider changes to the service.
 - Introduce guitars to this service to create a different style of worship
 - Musicians are excited to join it.
 - The vestry is in support of this change.

Assistant Rector's report (Colin Brown):

- Looking for Parish-wide focus for formation based on the Catechism. Modules for young children, for middle school, for high school, and for adults. The topic will be common throughout the group each week (just at a different depth).
- The new program will also be used for the confirmation course, and it will start in August.
- Formation at the 10 o'clock hour plus a Confirmation retreat will be required for those looking to be confirmed in November. Any members of High School age (or above) will be welcomed to join in the confirmation process.

- Molly has been working to re-brand the offerings for Middle and High School age parishioners. Rather than try the same thing and expect a different result, we are going to try a new thing.
- We will continue to loosely use the J2A and Rite 13 curriculum but use new branding to 'hopefully' attract more youth.
- Monica will follow up with stakeholders on how decisions are made regarding the youth programming.
- Colin, as the assistant rector overseeing youth ministry, has the decision rights for that ministry.
- The mention of the names of the new programs in the newsletter was probably premature - they should have been explained to the Vestry first. However, the more important thing is to support Colin and Molly as they try a new thing to invigorate the youth ministry.

New Business:

Land Use Agreement Report (Brad Ferrer):

- Brad provided an update regarding the negotiations among the parties for the land use agreement between the school, the church, and the diocese.
- Executive session was invoked by Monica for this debrief.

Security (Monica Mainwaring):

- On Sunday, during communion, someone came into the church with mental issues. He was still on the grounds after the service. He was moved into the office - by the time Monica joined there were people tending to him in the office. The man had a knife in his pocket, so the police arrived and took him to the hospital.
 - Molly was the first to notice and address it.
 - Security protocols need to continue to be honed for the church.
 - We have a gap regarding our worship time security.
 - Should the ushers be trained as security during services?
 - Recommend for immediate implementation - do not green light Gable Hall (just prop open the doors during formation). Tighten the green light for Nicholson Hall (lock it during services). Lock Ashford Dunwoody door at 8:05am. Have an eyes-on person (who gets trained) to watch door during Wonder Church. At 11 am, designate someone (Usher - e.g. Grant Ford) to remain at the back of the church to watch the door during church (lock ashford-dunwoody door five minutes after the service starts).
 - Vestry agreed to continue to review and act on security measures for the church even while Monica is on sabbatical. Vestry and ushers to gather this coming Sunday for further training. Grant Ford, Ed Zunzunegui, and Quentin Lonon to offer leadership regarding security.

Closing prayer (Colin Brown)