



Meeting of the Vestry
June 20, 2022, 5-7 pm

Vestry members present: Jed Dennard, Martha Evans, Grant Ford, Jodie Guest, Gay Jolley, Man Martin, Jim Reese, Carol Roberts, Caroline Rose, Leslie Uddin

Vestry members absent: Jon-Paul Roy, Michael Tarantino

Clergy present: The Rev. Monica Mainwaring, The Rev. Victoria Jarvis

Call to order: The Vestry met in person in the library of the Church with the option to join via Zoom. Clerk certified a quorum then Mother Monica called the meeting to order shortly after 5:00 and led us in opening prayers for the Church and for the Parish.

Dwelling in the Word: Senior Warden Martha Evans read a passage from scripture, Luke 9:51-62, then attendees broke into two groups to discuss what caught our attention, what question we would you want to ask, and where the Spirit might be nudging us. Each group then shared its collective thoughts.

Clerk's report (Caroline Rose):

- Vestry approved May minutes with corrections to attendees.
- Next Vestry meeting scheduled for August 22, no Vestry meeting in July.
- Jodie Guest to report on pilgrimage in September/October newsletter.

Rector's report (Monica Mainwaring):

- Struggling to find part-time sexton. Going to broaden search – solicit recommendations from congregation and extend notice to online community forums like NextDoor. Church youth, including Connor Ford, Rachel Smith and Scott Madden, are providing critical temporary tech support during summer.
- Registration for annual Diocesan Council, which will be held at Holy Innocence November 11-2, is now open. Registration is due due in early September and Vestry can appoint 4 delegates/2 alternates. Any resolutions requiring a vote will be published in October.

Treasurer's report (Jed Dennard):

- Picked up one more pledge in May, further closing budget gap.
- Revenues were slightly below budget, but May 2022 was stronger than 2021 because we had an uptick from endowment fund requests covering nursery refurbishment, AV service, tree trimming and A/C repair, and tankless water heater.
- Expenses were within 1K of budget for the month and remain below budget for the year. YTD expenses have exceeded revenues by 55K.
- Balances in investment accts are fairly static. Money Market is earning .05%, State Street account is slightly up despite volatile market, Endowment slightly down.

Senior Warden's report (Martha Evans):

- Executive committee approved Monica's request to accelerate a portion of her sabbatical (her husband will also be taking sabbatical at that time). Usually taken after 6 years, she will break up and take the 8 weeks she has accrued as of next summer and take the remaining 4 weeks in 2025. She will receive \$2K per year (\$8K next year, \$4K in 2025). This arrangement presents no additional cost to the Church from what is in her original LOA. We will hire additional staff to support Colin during her absence.
- Executive committee considering need to clarify bylaws to better understand our corporate structure and relationship with SMES and Suthers Center as separate entities.
- Michael Tarantino will be resigning from Vestry. His term was due to end December 2022.
- Vestry in charge meal following first Sunday service July 3. Leslie, Jim, Monica, Gay, Man, and Caroline will coordinate picnic-style lunch (burgers, watermelon, chips, pie from Costco). Jim and Man will be on grill duty.

Junior Warden's report (Grant Ford):

- Updated lighting in upper Gable Hall to happen this week.
- Administrative Commission will meet in August to prioritize where we want to invest, e.g. kitchen improvements. Participants TBD.
- Vestry to review guidelines and be prepared to suggest names for commission members by next Friday, July 1.

Liaison reports:

- Outreach/Carol Roberts:
 - Endowment funded Outreach budget in its entirety to a total of 30.5K. Another grant application will be submitted in September requesting 16K from church operating budget.

- Children and Youth/Man:
 - VBS was great success! SMEC will be Included in next issue of Pathways magazine along with another church that piloted curriculum focused on dismantling racism.
 - Feedback to program coordinators is to provide more age-appropriate instruction/ activities for younger and older kids.
 - Mission trip next week - 10 participants.

New Business

- Diocesan Council Delegation:
- Stewardship plan: Monica shared link to the Diocese of Washington D.C. stewardship toolkit/ templated content to facilitate campaign at SMEC, and will reach out to potential chairs.
- Strategic plan: Man Martin to submit Vestry update in July/August newsletter highlighting progress toward defining, sharing and seeking input for the vision for SMEC.

Closing prayer (Monica Mainwaring)