

Summary: 25 June 2024 Vestry Meeting

In person: Michael Martin Mills, Paula Wineland, Andrea Fine, Carolyn Green, David Dieck, Gary Glazer, Kelly Martin, David Collins, Anne Swoyer, Garry Duncan

Outgoing Members present for fellowship: Emily Law, Jim Fairburn

Via Zoom: Martha Crowell, Chris Satullo, Lorraine Webb

Absent: Tom Sibson, Lydia Ogden

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm; Laura celebrated the Eucharist.

A motion was made to formally elect Martha Crowell as Acting Rector's Warden. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes and Summary Minutes of the 28 May 2024 Vestry meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Priest's Report (Laura Palmer)

- Children, Youth, and Families Task Force: Laura Palmer, David Collins, and Tyrone Whiting interviewed an interested and exceptional candidate to replace Britta Carlson.
- Vacation Bible School was a great success, thanks to many who contributed and helped out.

Discernment Committee (Lorraine Webb)

- The committee met with Canon Gober (the Diocesan Canon for Transitional Ministries) on 21 June and received 12 applicants.
- Committee members will now review all of the applications and score them using the rubrics developed by the committee. They will meet on 12 July to discuss the applications and set time frames for interviews and evaluations.

Planning for Vestry Orientation (David Dieck)

- The Vestry began planning an all-member Orientation session (or potentially two sessions) to help on-board new members to the work of the Vestry, and facilitate common cause and expectations among all. It was noted that the most recent Vestry retreat was extremely worthwhile, but there was not enough time to engage in strategic work, and the Orientation could therefore facilitate that work.

Buildings & Grounds (David Dieck)

- The removal of two trees went well, and has led to thinking more deeply about "plaza landscape" for the future. The Committee has talked with some landscape architects, and several committee members are interested in helping based on their knowledge and skills.
- The architecture firm that was engaged for the previous Parish House renovation plans has been contacted to discuss installing air conditioning in the Parish Hall and possibly the church itself. They hope drawings can be made available to the parish by the end of summer.

- Discussion has begun regarding a longer-term capital campaign in the future. The “135 Fund” would be used to pay for this work, as well as close a gap in the operating budget.
- A variety of volunteer opportunities are planned for the near future.

Stewardship (David Dieck)

- The Committee is working towards envisioning stewardship as a year-round endeavor. The initial focus will be on our 135th anniversary. David Dieck, David Collins, and Laura Palmer will meet this summer to brainstorm and plan.
- The Vestry was asked to think about 2025 giving, especially in terms of what our aspirational goals are.

Finance (David Dieck)

- Filling in for Tom Sibson, David presented the most important highlights, including the ongoing budget gap.

Planning for 135th Anniversary (David Collins)

- Co-Chairs David Collins and Leslie Newbold have met several times. They have identified six key different groups (e.g. Stewardship) to meet with as stakeholders, and from whom to build a committee.
- One key aspect will be finding opportunity to invite & encourage previous members back to StM. There is a positive sense of momentum-building on all that we've accomplished during this transition period.
- Desire to find ways to honor e.g. those who have been a huge part of StM and/or for many years. A hope is that stories of previous work and activities can be re-told. Laura Palmer envisioned Story Corps-like opportunities.

There were no items to be tabled.

David Collins led the Vestry in a closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

The next Vestry meeting will be held on Tues 23 July 2024 at 7:00pm in Hilary House and via Zoom. Supper will precede the meeting at 6:30pm.