

St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2022
Hybrid: In Person and Socially Distant and via Zoom

Present: John Bray, Stacie Court (Zoom), Gail Eilers, Jane Hudson, LeeAnne Krause, Nikki Mathis, Lane Norton, Maggie Reinberger, Mark Richardson (Zoom), Caley Ross (Zoom), Les House, Eddie Bennett, Anna Hiers

Absent: Blaine Everson

Called to order at 6:30 PM. Opened with prayer – Nikki Mathis

Devotional: Nikki

Meditation on Palm Sunday, discussion followed. Groups met in triads.

Approval of Minutes: Nikki Mathis

Mother Nikki called the meeting to order. The minutes of the March meeting were sent to vestry members in advance. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

Financial Report: Les House

The March financial report was distributed in advance of the meeting. Les reviewed the report. Revenues for March were \$50,627 and expenses were \$31,607, resulting in a net total of \$20,122. There is \$94,982 in the bank, this is still high because of prepaid pledges and one-time gifts.

Finance Committee has requested a Budget amendment. Since the budget was approved, extra pledges totaling \$14,090 have come in. Finance decided to amend the budget now, proposing to increase the committees' and programs' 2022 budgeted funds to the strategic level requested by their chairs for this year. This budget will have \$758 deficit, but the Treasurer is confident the parish's revenues can accommodate it.

There was a brief discussion on should there be budgeting for spiritual formation. That will be discussed later. The motion was made to pass the Budget Amendment, it was seconded, and passed unanimously. Les will update the ministry sheet. This should be sent to committee chairs.

St. Gregory's has received an anonymous gift of \$56,682.33, with no designation. This is from the estate of a former member of St. Gregory's but the family did not want to be identified. This has been put in a special fund, and will need long deliberation. Suggested uses so far are repairs to the parking lot, build a labyrinth, sabbatical fund, or put it away for the future. It was noted the Financial Report is posted on 2 bulletin boards, one in Christian Ed, one in the office hall, for members to view.

Rector's Report: Nikki Mathis

Nikki stated attendance has been the same as last month, she has given a little more from the Discretionary fund in March.

Parking and Handicap Parking: Caley Ross

Caley has started to get estimates for putting gravel on the northwest end of the parking lot near the playground, near the Montessori School. He has not been able to carefully measure the area for gravel, but he estimates it may take a small dump truck of crusher run gravel and a truckload of #57 gravel, each for \$800, or maybe 12 tons, costing \$1400-1500. We would need to rent a mechanical packer, 2 days x \$83/day, total cost \$1700-2000.

He also shared designs for new signs for the parking lot. He will share estimates of the costs. Will have to decide if the signs are permanent or moveable. Possible signs: “Reserved for persons with limited mobility (with a figure)” “Limited mobility and caregiver” “Please reserve for those with limited mobility”. Will discuss more next month.

Revitalizing Church Committees: Nikki

Mother Nikki reported several committees now have been revitalized, we have some new chairs, increased usher volunteers, still need committee chair for parish life. A new list of committee chairs was sent, Jane will send another email. Discussion followed:

Should we split Parish life into smaller groups, break up the jobs? Could someone help organize coffee hour, receptions, funerals? Jane will ask Blaine to call one person, to call others to join parish life, spread out the leaders. Coffee hour has an ad hoc sign up list currently. Reception after Easter will need help set up/clean up/bring food. Lane said her labyrinth team can set up tables on Saturday, after they take up the labyrinth.

Communications committee : Terri Tillman and Kendall Kookogey are doing most of the work with administration. Livestreaming is all set up with volunteers, committee suspended.

Environmental committee: May have a role with parish life to decrease waste, help clean up.

New Business:

Concerns for buildings and repair: Parish Hall interior carpet, needs to be steam cleaned, may need to be replaced. Hanging light, over pulpit needs to be repaired, needs a lift. Crack in interior wall in east wall of Christian Education building, over window, near the closet.

Capital improvements: Use this year to plan capital campaign, add up little things, finish painting outside buildings, outside playground behind fence, old playscape – has been fixed, needs new landscaping. Other maintenance that has been delayed. Will need to make a priority list. Identify needs with or without Covid. Ended discussion with instruction that we should start brainstorming ideas.

VPOD – LeeAnne Krause

LeeAnne presented a brief instruction for Vestry Person of the Day announcements, because of congregational comments. VPOD should mention everything in the bulletin, very briefly, what and when. That helps people with reading disabilities. Also gave vestry a reminder that VPOD should attend both services, if possible.

Nikki closed with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8.35.

Respectfully submitted by Maggie Reinberger.