

St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2023
In Person

Present: Vestry Members Kate Avinger, John Barrett, Stacie Court, Gail Eilers, Anna Hiers, LeeAnne Krause, Lane Norton, Mark Richardson; Treasurer Les House, Clerk Anna Thornton, Mother Nikki Mathis

Absent: Vestry Members John Bray, Maggie Reinberger, Shelby Welch

Devotional: Anna Hiers

LeeAnne opened with prayer; Anna shared thoughts on longing for the Divine, Psalm 119 from The Message Bible, and readings.

Approval of Minutes: Mother Nikki Mathis

Mother Nikki called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Minutes of the June meeting were sent to Vestry members via email prior. A motion was made and seconded to accept minutes as written; motion was approved and carried.

Financial Report: Les House

Les distributed financial reports prior to meeting via email and hard copies. Operating Account Checking balance reported at \$66,310 with Revenues reported at \$26,711 reflecting \$4,684 under budget. July expenses were \$34,338 versus a budget of \$36,267.

Les presented a report on *\$56K Special Gift Itemization*, illustrating and itemizing expenditures from our gift fund.

Building & Grounds Report: Gail Eilers

A report of important points concerning the building and grounds budget was distributed. The report indicated expenditures made for parking lot repair and HVAC repairs in the Christian Education Building. Discussion was had and a motion was made and seconded to forego a three-bidding process, and a second motion was made and seconded to replace the HVAC in the nursery section of the Parish Hall. Subsequent motions were made and seconded to take needed \$13,000 from gift money for said HVAC, to place a wall unit air conditioner in the Sacristy with \$1,500 from gift money, and to complete a gutter/downspout/drain project in the nursery yard, taking \$1,000 from gift money. All motions were carried. LeeAnne Krause added that she was meeting with insurance adjusters concerning storm damage.

Christian Education Playground Report: Kate Avinger

Kate recapped findings from June report and summarized repairs made thus far. Discussion was had over materials and possibilities for further improvements.

Usher Business: John Barrett and Anna Hiers

Discussion was had concerning rolling the Little Red Wagon through the sanctuary during offering at 10:30 am services. Discussion was also had concerning the procedure for securing offering monies from collection plates, and it was decided that monies would be left in the Sacristy after the second service.

Annual Diocesan Council Meeting: Mother Nikki

Delegates are needed to attend the Diocesan event in November. LeeAnne Krause, Anna Thornton and a third person chosen by Mother Nikki will attend.

Capital Improvements Campaign: Stacie Court & Mark Richardson

Stacie and Mark met with Jonathan Klein regarding the need of replacing the organ. Discussion was also had concerning kitchen needs. A list is still needed of priorities and possible goals for the Capital Improvement Campaign to include a Labyrinth and carpenter bee eradication/damage. It was suggested that the Vestry invite Mark Reinberger and Mark Hein to explain some key needs of building and grounds.

Senior Warden Report: LeeAnne Krause

LeeAnne reported that Blaine Everson had officially resigned from the Vestry. Some discussion may need to take place concerning amending bylaws to validate a replacement to a resigned position should there not be nine positions filled. LeeAnne reported that the Vestry Nominating Committee will consist of John Bray (going off Vestry), Karen Brill, LeeAnne Krause (going off Vestry), Wade McGlamery and Mark Richardson. There will be four positions including vacancy by resignation open to nominations.

Security Plan Committee: John Barrett

John Barrett will chair a security plan committee but there is no committee as such yet. Research is still being done on what sort of equipment might be needed as well as guidelines, structure, and training.

Rector's Report: Mother Nikki Mathis

Mother Nikki thanked everyone for the ability to take a much-needed sabbatical and reviewed time spent with family and colleagues, teaching opportunities and time away.

The meeting closed with a benediction and was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anna Thornton