

St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2021

Present (via Zoom): Eddie Bennett, Kelly Black, John Bray, Blaine Everson, Jane Hudson, LeeAnne Krause, Nikki Mathis, Caley Ross, Julie Worley, Lester House, Chrissy Moffett

Absent: Anna Hiers

Devotion: Caley Ross

Caley talked about the meaning of Pride month and the importance of being a more understanding person. Discussion followed.

Approval of May Minutes: Nikki Mathis

Nikki called the meeting to order. The minutes of the May meeting were sent to Vestry members in advance of the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Les House

Les House reviewed the May financial report. He noted that May was a good month. May revenues are \$7,583 over budget and expenses are \$868 under budget. The May net total is \$9,996 compared to a \$1,545 budget. Year to date revenue is \$8,541 over budget and expenses are \$1,941 over budget. The year-to-date net total is \$6,025 compared to a (\$575) budget.

Discussion followed.

Rector's Report: Nikki Mathis

Nikki provided her report. She indicated that a home school program had asked for the use of the education building on Thursdays for part of the year. The request was for 7 classrooms and use of the kitchen. Nikki reviewed the pros and cons of the request. She indicated that the use of St. Gregory's facilities would be a fallback plan for the school. Discussion followed. Safety concerns around the use of the stove were raised as were concerns about liability and potential gaps in insurance.

Nikki, as rector, has decision authority and wanted to share with the vestry for their input. After further discussion, Nikki indicated that she was not in favor of the request and that she would respond accordingly.

Discussion followed on the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Nikki indicated that \$500 was used to help with rent for a non-parishioner.

Parish Participation in Athens Pride Festival: Julie Worley

Julie informed the vestry that the Athens Pride Festival is November 13 and wanted to gauge interest in parish participation. St. Gregory can be a sponsor using the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Kelly indicated that parish youth may want to be involved and Nikki indicated she was happy to put a few

hours in at a table at the festival. Discussion followed. It was suggested that this would be an opportunity for the community to get to know St. Gregory. Julie will get more details and circle back with the vestry.

Diocesan COVID Protocols & Regathering Committee Update: Nikki Mathis & Blaine Everson
Nikki provided an update on the regathering protocols. The bishop indicated that the minimum of CDC guidance needs to be followed and all else is up to each Regathering Committee. The common communion cup is not allowed. Our Regathering Committee is watching cases in the county.

Based on current conditions:

- Capacity for in person worship has increased.
- Lemonade is available in the courtyard for coffee hour.
- Pews should be back in by August.
- The choir should return in some capacity in June or July.

If all goes well, the hope is to return to a regular service and coffee hour in mid-August. Discussion followed.

The next vestry meeting is on August 10th. This meeting will be a hybrid meeting with an in person and Zoom option offered for attendees.

Live Streaming Update: Caley Ross

The equipment needed for live streaming has been received and new internet connectivity has been set up on the church campus. Nikki indicated that live streaming will not begin until we are back in church in person with a full choir.

Julie will look into finding someone to record the live stream service. Dallas Bono is pre-recording on Wednesdays but cannot do so on Sundays. It was noted that a service contract will be required for the live stream recording.

Other Business:

Vestry liaisons were asked to remind Committee Chairs that Q2 committee reports are due to Kendall by July 2.

Nikki closed with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:08.

Respectfully submitted by Chrissy Moffett.