

St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2023
In Person

Present: Vestry Members Kate Avinger, John Barrett, Gail Eilers, Anna Hiers, LeeAnne Krause, Lane Norton, Maggie Reinberger, Mark Richardson, Shelby Welch; Deacon Doug Adkins, Treasurer Les House, Clerk Anna Thornton

Absent: Vestry Members John Bray, Stacie Court, Blaine Everson

Devotional: Maggie Reinberger

LeeAnne opened with prayer; Maggie shared thoughts from *The Essential Rumi*, Barks/Moyne. Devotional was followed by meeting and praying with triads.

Approval of Minutes: LeeAnne Krause

LeeAnne called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Minutes of the April 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. Operating Account Checking balance reported at \$66,178 with Revenues reported at \$25,464 reflecting \$7,930 under budget. April expenses were \$39,282 versus a budget of \$35,689.

Les reported that the first part of the audit has been paid. The deadline for the audit is the end of August. It was agreed that next year the audit or agreed-upon-procedures be in keeping with the Diocesan requirements and our amount.

Les also reported that he is in the process of pulling service contracts to analyze changes. Discussion was had concerning Building & Grounds and Operating Fund. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report as presented; motion was approved and carried.

Les reported that Deacon Doug Adkins had submitted his housing allowance request, and that the salary plus SECA comes to \$2,977.13 for the remainder of 2023. Coupled with the housing allowance of \$8,925 submitted by Doug, the total package for the remainder of 2023 is \$11,902.13. The resolution was stated as split compensation July through December would include \$2,977.13 salary/SECA plus \$8,925 housing allowance for a total of \$11,902.13. A motion was made and seconded to accept the resolution; motion was approved and carried.

Les reported that June budget requests are in the works, and that the process should go through liaisons to committees who need to discuss expenses for the coming year. Once expenses are analyzed, a budget will need to be figured and the pledge drive begun.

Christian Education Report: Kate Avinger & Doug Adkins

Kate reported findings and progress on the refurbishment of the children's playground. A rough sketch of the proposed changes was distributed. The large wooden structure will need to undergo a safety inspection which will determine if the structure should be repaired or torn down. Discussion was had concerning pricing, inspectors, ideas for funding and for structures and proponents, as well as the progress of the nursery playground and factors which might be integrated for both playgrounds. Doug Adkins reported that VBS will be held July 17-20, 2023, 5:30-8:15 pm. The theme is Compassion Camp-Every Living Thing. It was reported that Spiritual Formation is working on ideas for curriculum. Volunteers will be needed for all aspects of the VBS flow.

Building & Grounds Report: Gail Eilers

The Building & Grounds Committee is working with Missy and Jude on the nursery and nursery playground refurbishment. A lot of supplies are already on hand which will help to stay under budget. The existing fencing is rotted, and it has been suggested that they use landscaping as a fence. The Building & Grounds Committee is also addressing the potholes in the parking lot. There are resources to repair the parking lot, but existing drainage plans at the street must be addressed first. A rough estimate on expenses will not be available until the drainage is addressed and repairs determined.

Parish Life Report: Shelby Welch & Maggie Reinberger

Shelby reported that we need more volunteers to provide foods for Coffee Hour. There will be a festive Coffee Hour on May 28 to celebrate Pentecost. Committee members are researching pathways to get rid of the old gas stove and replace it with a newer electric one. There will be a workday on Monday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m. where the storage areas will be addressed as well as the chest freezer and upright freezer.

Senior Warden Report: LeeAnne Krause

LeeAnne stated that Joy Village school will be using St. Gregory's campus for their summer camp June 5 through July 14. It has been approved by the Diocese for the school to utilize the Education Building and outdoor spaces.

LeeAnne asked for feedback concerning Mother Nikki's Sabbatical time, and the health of the congregation and committees. During the Sabbatical time, Vestry members will continue to be highlighted in the weekly online newsletters.

It has been brought to the attention of the Vestry that the security plan has not been updated since May 2022, this includes AED and First Aid equipment, an active shooter protocol and similar preparations. John Barrett and Mark Richardson will co-chair a committee to investigate addressing needs of the security plan.

The Vestry will plan to meet June 13 possibly with a dinner. If needed, there will be a meeting July 11, as there is typically not a meeting during the Summer.

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

Respectfully submitted by Anna Thornton