

St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2023
In Person

Present: Vestry Members Kate Avinger, John Barrett, John Bray, Gail Eilers, Anna Hiers, LeeAnne Krause, Lane Norton, Maggie Reinberger, Mark Richardson; Treasurer Les House, Clerk Anna Thornton, Mother Nikki Mathis (online)

Absent: Vestry Members Stacie Court, Shelby Welch

Devotional: Gail Eilers

LeeAnne opened with prayer, Gail shared Bible verses, quotes, and inspirations from Vestry members' columns in the newsletter.

Approval of Minutes: Mother Nikki Mathis (online)

Mother Nikki called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Minutes of the August 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 \$60,327 with Revenues reported at \$32,290 reflecting \$896 over budget. August expenses were \$38,273 versus a budget of \$39,943.

Les presented a report on the breakdown of the insurance check (covering July storm) which totaled \$3,638.61, itemizing expenditures to HVAC repairs and tree removal. It was noted and a motion was made to move the overage amount on parking lot work of \$3,190.19 from Building & Grounds line to Special line. Motion was seconded, approved, and carried. Discussion was had concerning total real estate included on balance sheet assets and the possibility of securing an appraisal. Les reported that the audit was complete as of September 1, and a motion was made and seconded to accept and approve audit as presented. Motion was approved and carried.

Capital Improvements Campaign: Mark Richardson

Mark reported a January rollout of the Capital Improvements Campaign. Mother Nikki is set to hold a stewardship town hall session at 9:15 am on October 8 to explain key points. Successive meetings are to be held on October 23 and October 29 which will address the capital improvements campaign. Discussion followed. Mark reported Mother Nikki's suggestion that the organ not be part of a separate campaign.

Security Plan Committee: John Barrett

John Barrett reported that he is in the process of building a committee which will continue to research and establish standard operating procedures for security protocols. There will then be an orientation meeting (now set for October 22 after church).

Senior Warden Report: LeeAnne Krause

LeeAnne reported that the Vestry Nominating Committee consisting of John Bray (going off Vestry), Karen Brill, LeeAnne Krause (going off Vestry), Wade McGlamery and Mark Richardson had received

thirty-five (35) names from which sixteen (16) met criteria. LeeAnne reviewed requirements for serving on the Vestry.

Stewardship Committee: Anna Hiers

Anna reported that Alice Mohor would be leading the Stewardship Committee with six members lined up to speak during the 10:30 worship services. The Fall stewardship drive will be active through Sunday, October 29. The pledge drive is running from September 17 through October 22. The phrase “estimate of giving” is being used rather than “pledge.” Alice is working on a draft of the “estimate of giving” form.

Environmental Stewardship Committee: Maggie Reinberger

Maggie reported that the committee is continuing to research ways to involve indigenous people in our pursuit of appropriate creation care. We may (or may not) be able to build on our earlier overtures to the Southern branch of the Muskogee Creek tribe.

Rector’s Report: Mother Nikki Mathis (online)

Mother Nikki reminded all that the Diocesan Annual Council will take place November 10 and 11. Mother Nikki reported that worship attendance continues to increase, and that approximately \$300 had been distributed during August from the Rector’s Fund. A family Halloween event will take place October 29.

Outreach Committee: Gail Eilers

Gail reminded all of the Barnett Shoals Elementary School clothing drive for their clothes closet.

The meeting closed with a benediction and was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anna Thornton