

St. Dunstan's Vestry Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2023

**Present:** Roman Roldan+, John Bergeron, Carol Cooper, Cathy LeJeune, Marilynn Patterson, Flint Risien, Jerry Schattle, Betsy Sullivan

**Present online:** Leesa Lewis, Deena Akinrinsola, Elizabeth Burks, Brady Tumlinson

**Visitors:** Laurie Riggs

**Opening Prayer:** Roman+ opened with prayer at 6:34pm.

**Approval of Minutes from September 19 meeting:** Betsy moved and Jerry seconded the approval of the minutes; approved without objection.

**Financial Review:** Laurie Riggs

- Income: \$70,020.34
- Expenses: \$89,196.38
- Expenses are staying below straight line, no major expenses last month. Mission center managers doing a good job staying under budget.
- The issue is income level, we are down about 5%, common for September.

**Senior Warden's Report:** Jerry Schattle

- Great turnout for Hispanic Heritage Celebration on 10/15
- Good attendance at Sunday School
- Three new 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders enrolled in Acolyte Corps

**Jr. Warden's Report:** written report submitted by Arden Renze

- Cleaning out shed and will donate all unused/unclaimed items to Youth Garage Sale
- Some lightbulbs in Nave need to be replaced.
- One odd lock found on campus will be cut off and replaced with a lock consistent with other locks on campus
- Relatively uneventful encounter with homeless man on campus during Youth Group on 9/24; resolved via call to constable; encourage community to continue to be respectful but vigilant, and call the constable if necessary.

**Rector's Report:** Roman+

- Hispanic Heritage Celebration incredible success; photos sent to Diocese, which published them in their report.
- Successful first Quinceanera attended by Alvaro+ and Leesa Lewis.
- Diocese asked Alvaro+ to become spiritual advisor for prayer group supporting new Spanish-language services in the Diocese.
- Hispanic congregation growing to ~35 people in attendance; but over 100 in attendance at the Celebration. Quickly growing toward expected average of 50, gaining momentum.
- Diocese also asked Roman+ to provide some informal supervision of another curate; looking into possibility of a second curate assigned to Hope Center under Roman's supervision.

- Continue to pray for our Presiding Bishop, whose surgery was successful, but who is still in delicate health.
- Dean and President of Seminary of the Southwest has resigned. Diocese now must conduct extremely important search for replacement, as Seminary of the Southwest is one of only 3 resident Episcopal seminaries left in the United States. Hoping for a hire within a year. Roman+ is on the Board of Trustees for Seminary of the Southwest, from which the search committee will be chosen. Pray for this very important search.
- David Menendez, Principal of Eiland Elementary School, will be the keynote speaker for the SOS Gala.

### **Old Issues**

- SOS 2.0 Gala Update: Betsy Sullivan
  - About 120 tickets sold
  - Volunteers very busy, have worked very hard, but work has been successful and planning is complete
  - Gala will turn a profit; total will depend on live auction results, but there have been many donations in addition to tickets sold.
- PayPal update: PayPal is updating their security standards; the church is in the process of coming into compliance; SOS has found a workaround but the Youth Group is still having trouble; hope to resolve soon.
- Master Plan Project: written report submitted by Dick Deming
  - Town Hall Meeting report: successful congregational meeting on 9/24
  - Meeting with Diocesan Staff Members on 10/10 to discuss:
    - Status report of Master Plan project
    - Capital Campaign issues: will develop 3 options to present to the Vestry
    - Master Plan and Phase 1 project approval requirements
    - Project financing issues and possibilities, including loan possibilities
    - Next steps: continue to develop Master Plan, develop Phasing, continue communication with Diocese, hold another Town Hall.
  - Facilities Planning Committee met 10/16
- Clergy Vacation reminder
  - Roman+: Continuing Education, including meeting with the Pope, 11/5 – 11/11, planning to return for Sunday service on 11/12.
  - Roman+: Vacation 11/17 – 12/02
  - Alvaro+: Continuing Education 11/15 – 11/20, going to El Salvador to join a conference with clergy in that diocese
  - Leesa: Curate Camp first Thursday and Friday of each month, and is currently on Continuing Education for the coming week.
- Alvaro+ traveled to Colombia last week, where he accompanied his family to a successful immigration interview at the US Consulate. His wife and daughter plan to immigrate to the US in January.
- German on vacation 10/22 – 11/02

### **New Issues**

- New Vestry Nomination Process: Committee will consist of outgoing vestry members, current Senior Warden, and previous three Senior Wardens (if possible). Laurie will assist the committee in vetting nominees for eligibility:
  - Baptized/confirmed/received
  - Regular attendance, “attendee of record,” 2-3 times per year minimum
  - “Contributor of record,” whether or pledging or not
  - Known to congregation for minimum of 3 years
  - Encouragement to nominating Vestry to cast a wide net; demystify Vestry service
  - Nominating committee will present a slate of 4 nominees for 4 positions
- In His Steps Campaign: Cathy LeJeune
  - 350 households have received (or will receive) 2 letters with pledge card and letter from Roman+
  - This week, everyone will receive their email with their prayer assignments
  - Hierarchical structure ensures everyone in congregation receives prayer
  - Very effective IHS presentation by Misty Schattle last Sunday; Chris Roldan will present this coming Sunday. Vestry expressed gratitude to these speakers.
  - Nov. 5 is Commitment Sunday.
  - IHS will handle 9:01 service differently; hard to contact via US Mail. Will push to get alternate contact information to assure they will be contacted and prayed for.

**Closing:** Eucharist from reserved sacrament. Meeting adjourned 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Cooper, clerk