

St. Dunstan's Vestry Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2024 (online via Zoom)

Present: Roman Roldan+, Deena Akinrinsola, Elizabeth Burks, Carol Cooper, David Flores, Jennifer Foudy, Julie Gill, Michael McElroy, Marilyn Patterson, Arden Renze, Ken Santoro, Jerry Schattle

Guests: Manette Maddox, Laurie Riggs

Opening Prayer: Roman+ opened with prayer at 6:32pm

Approval of Minutes from May 14 meeting: Julie moved and Ken seconded the approval of the May 14 minutes; approved without objection.

Report on bids from capital campaign consultants: Manette Maddox

- Manette discussed her experience with the three consultants contacted, and presented the specific services, proposals, and fee schedules of the two bids received.
- Manette recommended the Vestry accept the bid from Horizons Stewardship, based on their responsiveness, engagement, experience with our congregation, and spiritual focus.
 - Horizons was retained by St. Dunstan's to help with the campaign to retire our debt, a campaign which exceeded its monetary and timeline goals.

Financial Review: Laurie Riggs

- Income: \$61,120.51
- Expenses: \$118,872.07
- Income rather low, but YTD still above straight line.
- May expenses: Youth camping, Vacation Bible School, Vestry retreat, financial audit

Motion to pursue contract with Horizons Stewardship capital consultants:

- Be it resolved that this Vestry gives Mrs. Manette Maddox the authority to enter into negotiations with Horizons Stewardship for the purpose of conducting a Capital Campaign for Saint Dunstan's Episcopal Church, provided that the fee schedule remains at the level set by the November 2023 quote. Be it further resolved that the Vestry wants to know the answer to the question below before the final contract is signed. The Question is as follows: "In all the engagements with Saint Dunstan's in the past, how close did you come to achieving the stated goals of each campaign?" The Rector is to communicate to the Vestry via email with the information requested. At this point, each member of Vestry will have an opportunity to ratify their already cast vote.
- Marilyn Patterson moved and Arden seconded this motion; approved without objection.

Senior Warden's Report: Jerry Schattle

- Praise for successful recent events: Mtr. Leesa's send-off, Vacation Bible School
- Camp Eagle was a great success, kudos to several youth who brought friends

Jr. Warden's Report: Arden Renze

- Repeated praise for successful Camp Eagle trip

- One A/C in the Nave broke last week, has been repaired
- Leak in Pride Fellowship Hall after VBS, probably due to A/C condensation after a week of heavy A/C use. Will be monitoring the situation throughout the rain this week to ensure there is not a roof leak.

Rector's Report: Roman+

- Requests no Vestry meeting in July, as has become customary. However, if an urgent or voluntary need arises, can call an emergency meeting.
- Marilyn moved and Michael seconded that the Vestry not meet in July; approved without objection.
- Alvaro+ will be chaplain for Dominican Republic mission trip
- Kyra will be on vacation next week
- Seminary of the Southwest search committee has completed its work and Fr. Roman is no longer needed for this time-intensive, but very successful, committee work.
- Reggie Lang funeral arrangements have not yet been finalized, but will probably take place later in July.
- Steve Ferguson will be providing coverage for services part-time through December, in the absence of Mtr. Leesa. The church will need to consider hiring an associate priest at some point in the future.

Old Issues:

- The Building Committee met once since the last Vestry meeting. Arden has advocated for financial transparency regarding this committee's expenditures and would like to report expenses to the Vestry, but is not able to do so at this time.

New Issues

- Julie Gill raised a discussion of VOD duties, communication, and scheduling.
- Carol Cooper reported having completed the first part of the training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Level 1; she will complete the second part of this training in the fall and transition the Level 1 (3-6 year old) classroom back to a CGS program starting this fall.

Closing: Roman+ ended the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 7:04pm.