

St. Dunstan's Vestry Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2023
Via Zoom

Present: Roman Roldan+, Deena Akinrinsola, John Bergeron, Elizabeth Burks, Jennifer Foudy, Cathy LeJeune, Marilyn Patterson, Arden Renze, Flint Risien, Jerry Schattle, Betsy Sullivan, Brady Tumlinson; Guest: Dick Deming

Opening Prayer: Roman+ opened with prayer at 6:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes 1-17-23: Cathy moved and Jerry seconded approval of the minutes. Motion passed.

Invited Guest: Dick Deming, Facilities Planning Committee presented a preliminary evaluation from the committee's work so far.

Finance Report: Fr. Roman (reporting through Feb. 16)

- Finance Committee meeting cancelled.
- Income \$199.7K, Expense \$112.2K; general operating \$124.3K.
- Offer of new carpet donation in question.

Sr. Warden's Report: Jerry

- SOS 5K Fun Run needs more sign-ups and volunteers; virtual run an option; Megan Tumlinson will post needs on website.
- 5K Committee members: Mtr. Beth Anne, Laura Gunn, Becky Renze, Betsy, Jerry and Misty, Megan.
- Will contact area schools to publicize.

Jr. Warden's Report: Arden

- Price Fellowship Hall has termites; also grates need to be secured.
- Security meeting this week for Fun Run and Holy Smokes.
- Campus spring cleanup may be April 1.

Rector's Report: Roman+

- Spanish service has ASA of 18-24.
- NAM food distribution currently has 7 volunteers.
- Requests reconfiguration of unused crib room in nursery as follows: use space for food storage and emergency food pantry by extending half wall all the way up to ceiling, leaving connecting door and sinks. Vestry agreed with the proposal.
- Great increase in congregation's pastoral care needs.
- Organist candidate did well in audition; will reach out to her soon.

Old Issues

- Everyone who serves on vestry must pledge the following: “I do believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God and contain all things necessary to salvation and will conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Episcopal Church.” All members present made this pledge.
- Diocesan Council will be held in Galveston February 24-25, with all clergy and laity delegates Gloria Quackenbush, Evelyn Stokes, Jerry Schattle, and Flint Risien attending. Current diocesan assessment is 7.5 % of operating budget.
- Curate Dialogue – 14 churches had applied for a curate but number is now down to 10, and there are 9 curates. On March 15 diocese will list churches approved for a curate, and rectors will list their top three choices.

New Issues

- Vestry Retreat April 21-22 at Camp Allen; please arrive early.
- Regarding vestry approval of the parochial report, the following motion was made by Flint and seconded by John: “We hereby decide to approve the Parochial Report after it is reviewed and signed by the clerk, who will do so this week.” Motion passed.
- NAM food distribution project: volunteers will distribute boxed food delivered by NAM, fill bags with dried beans and rice, and fill 250 manna bags.
- Marilyn explained the Vestry of the Day schedule and reminded us that the two serving each Sunday will decide who has early shift (7:30, 9:00, 11:00) and who has late shift (9:00, 11:00, 1:00).

Closing: Fr. Roman closed with prayer and meeting adjourned 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Sullivan, clerk