



## May Vestry Minutes (Tuesday, May 14, 2024)

**I. Opening Prayer-7:35 PM**

**II. Members present:** Fr. Jeff, Sandy, Kathy, Candace, Julie B., Andrea, Katie, Sarah, Rich, Carolyn

**III. Online:** Fran, Anthony

**IV. Officers:** Julie-treasurer (remote), Beth-clerk

**V. Minutes** [[Link to April's Minutes](#); [Link to Special Meeting Minutes](#)] **Approved with no objections.**

**VI. Consent Agenda**

*(A consent agenda is an agenda that allows for approval of non-contentious items at once to improve meeting efficiency. Any one member of the board may request removal of any item for discussion by the board under new business)*

A. Vestry consent for rector's appointment of Darlene Nordoff to chair the Parish Life Committee. Approved with no objections.

**VII. Reports of Officers and Standing Committees**

*(Note: These are reports of officers of the church and committees designated by the Bylaws that continue their program of work on a year-to-year basis. Any committee may bring forth an action item as part of their report and it would be addressed at this time)*

A. Rector [[Link to Written Report](#)] PM

B. Assistant Rector [[Link to Written Report](#)]

C. Senior Warden [[Link to Written Report](#)]

D. Junior Warden [[Link to Written Report](#)]

E. Treasurer [[Link to Written Report](#)] 1) The treasurer reported that income for April was comparatively low, leaving the Church with a deficit for April. 2) The Finance Committee recommended taking \$1000.00 from the Surplus Fund to pay off the deductible for repairs for the elevator and steam table. 3) Four funds received their annual distribution: Behr, Palmer, Addison and Stump. 4) Report was sent to the Diocese to move funds from the O'Connor Extraordinary Fund to cover the costs of the Vandersall consulting.

F. Committees (*Chair*)—liaison & other ministries

1. Adult Formation (*Christina Ford*)

2. Children & Youth Formation (*vacant*)

3. Evangelism & Newcomers (*vacant*)

4. Finance (*Linda Mace*)—Fran

5. Outreach (*Marion Schwartz*)—Sandy

6. Parish Life (*Michele Marini*)—Kathy

7. Pastoral Care (*vacant*)

8. Property (*Sarah Lowe*)

9. Planning & Development (*vacant*)

10. Stewardship (*Rich Marini*)

11. Worship (*Jeff Packard*)

12. Community Café (*Ted Jaenicke*)--Carolyn

13. Parishioners' Ministry (*Steven Smith*)--Anthony

Report form Parishioners' Ministry is in the Google Drive. Files with no activity from 3 years ago or older were removed from the file boxes. Every new card should have a date attached.

Community Cafe had a very successful fund-raising from the Centre Gives activity.

## **VIII. Reports of Special Committees**

*(Note: Special Committees are appointed for a specific task, complete the task and are at that point discharged. They typically do not persist from year to year.)*

- A. Sabbatical Committee (*Sandy Schwartz*) Sandy reported that Fr Ted Christopher is interested in assuming many (or most) of Fr Jeff's responsibilities while he is on Sabbatical. Eileen Weglarz also agreed to help out.

## **IX. Special Orders**

*(Note: Special Orders are items designated by the Bylaws or by motion to be addressed at a specific meeting or time)*

- A. None

## **X. Unfinished Business and/or General Orders**

*(Note: Unfinished business includes items from the last meeting that were pending upon adjournment or items postponed by motion to this time)*

- A. Financial Policy Revision *Suggested Action: none at this time*

## **XI. New Business**

*(Note: Items of New Business can be placed in advance or brought up in the meeting by the members of the Vestry)*

- A. Request for Clarification from Property Committee regarding Outdoor Lighting—Sarah Lowe. 3 concerns: visibility, beautification, safety (not necessarily in that order). 1) Tower lighting - Makes us visible and it's a great feature. Probably cheapest option; will it cause light pollution? 2) Beautification - Can be very extensive and expensive. We have contacts with designers who could give us ideas and estimates. What restrictions from municipality? 3) Safety - Light the entryways to the front and back of the buildings.
- B. Summer Outdoor Festivals and Parish Visibility/Participation  
Discussion on how we want to be represented &  
Policy Question: allowing other organizations to set up tables on our property [[Link to Proposed Policy](#)] Three organizations asked to put tables out on the front lawn during the Arts Festival; they must meet the criteria on the proposed policy. Suggestions were made to change who is invited to use the area next year and following years.
- C. **Vandersall Discussion** - Following the final Zoom meeting with the Vandersall representatives, Fr Jeff asked for the group's feedback. 1) The overall general feeling was that putting the "filter" to use, being led by the Vandersall reps, was really helpful in understanding how it will work . 2) The filter should be made a part of all the Church's language. 3) Question of how to "operationalize" the filter and how to market it. 4) Suggestions that the first series of discussions using the filter should be the recommendations from the Ad Hoc Budget Committee. What rises to the top of their recommendations? 5) The Vestry should practice using the filter for even minor decisions, just to get familiar with how to implement it and when it is useful. 6) Perhaps use the example of Community Cafe for practice, not as though we already have CC, but as if we are considering it. 7) Don't over apply it. 8) It might take months to figure it out. 9) Vestry members will help the parish congregation learn what the filter is and how to use it. 10) Before the next meeting, Fr Jeff asked each vestry member to come up with a scenario where the filter could be applied.

**Closing Prayer and Benediction - Fr Jeff**

**Appendix: Action Item Registry:** [[Link to Action Item Registry](#)]

**Next Meeting:** 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, 2024 in room 324 (library)

**Announcements:** Kevin Lowe's ordination will be on the last Saturday in July, the 27th, at St. Andrew's.