

Vestry Highlights

June 26, 2018

Resolved:

- ✓ Approved installation of a new extensive security system for the building, sharing costs with Lifting up Westchester. The vendor will be Commercial Instruments & Alarm System.
- ✓ Authorized new signatories for our safe deposit box: Signatories will be the Rector, the Senior Warden, and two persons authorized by the Rector and Wardens.
- ✓ Authorized the policy of keeping the originals of all documents in secure file cabinets in the Parish Office. Copies will be made upon request, but no originals will be taken from the office.
- ✓ Authorized Joe Gallo to initiate the process of getting permission from the Diocese and the State Attorney General to apply for a mortgage, should the Vestry decide that this would be the wisest source of funding. No steps for application will be taken until after a full financial review and vote by the Vestry.
- ✓ Authorized Marisol Ortega and Mother Judith Lee to interview designated persons for appointments to the Grace Church seats on the LUW Board.
- ✓ Cancelled the Parish Homecoming Picnic that had been scheduled for September 16th.
- ✓ Authorized Irene Alves to contact the Office of the Presiding Bishop to invite the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop, to visit Grace La Gracia in 2020.
- ✓ Resolved to have representatives from the Vestry serve as Greeters after the 10 AM service every Sunday.

Discussion:

- ✓ Research and gathering of documents is ongoing by research committees on the costs and funding options for repairs at the Rectory, repair of the elevator, and organ maintenance.
- ✓ Research and gathering of documentation is ongoing in preparing an appeal for a reduction of our Diocesan Assessment.
- ✓ Because Chase Bank is closing its current location, Grace Church must review and relocate the contents of the safe deposit boxes that we have at this location. Joe Gallo is currently researching alternative locations, and review of the current documents, with recommended procedures to protect historical papers, will begin immediately.
- ✓ The Vestry strongly supports the Grace Church Retreat, to be held on September 7th-8th, seeing it as vital to the spiritual life of our community.