

St. Brendan the Navigator
Minutes of the Vestry/Renewal Team Meeting
September 6, 2017

Present: Lis Ingoldsby, Josephine Jacob, Pete Dane, Peter Tarlton, Richard Paget, Barbara Kourajian, and Father Edward Dufresne. Miriam Antich called in.

Senior Warden Lis Ingoldsby called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. Fr. Dufresne offered an opening prayer.

Minutes

The minutes from the August 31st Vestry/Renewal Team meeting were approved.

Business

Pete Dane reported on a request from Meg Graham, chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, to spend \$4725 to pave the highway end of the driveway. As part of this project, Skip Eaton will move the boulders needed to complete the side flower bed, remove the granite pieces on the old stairs at the front of the church, and improve the drainage on the driveway side of the old church building to keep water from flowing down to the basement windows. They expect this will improve any moisture problems we still have. The work is expected to be done sometime in September.

Pete Dane reported there is \$4300 in the Capital Account. He moved to accept the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Peter Tarlton seconded the motion. Discussion: it was mentioned the Committee ranked this first because the cost is within what we have in the Capital Account. The question was raised if this is a higher priority than the balcony project. It was reported the Committee had a robust discussion on this and gave careful thought to its priorities. The motion passed.

Mission Statement and Values Statement

We considered the input we received from the September 3 parish conversation with Michael Ambler as we reviewed the two proposed models for a Parish Mission Statement and the Values Statement. We decided to add to the Values Statement:

Engage as many of our parishioners as possible year round in our common life and ministries.

The question was raised: how do we engage (via Skype, etc.) with our parishioners throughout the year?

Model Ministry Description

Fr. Dufresne asked if we would be willing to adopt as a Continuing Resolution the Model Ministry Description he presented. We spent most of our meeting fine-tuning this document. We decided this document will explain the “why,” the “what,” and the “how” of our ministries. The Canon(s), Mission Statement, Values Statement, and Renewal Plan goals will constitute the “why” – they are the documents that

guide our work. The “what” (specific areas of responsibility) will draw upon some of the best practices we can garner from documents we have used in the past. We spent considerable time discussing the “how.” Several revisions were made to streamline this section, which includes responsibilities of ministry members and the chair. Fr. Dufresne will work with Lis and Barbara to draft a revision which includes what we decided on today.

Deployment of Personnel for our Ministries

We decided to add the option of a co-chair for the various ministries. We continued our discussion on how to best use the talents/skills of our parishioners to meet the needs of the various ministries.

The next Vestry/Renewal team meeting will be Wednesday, September 13th at 10 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Barbara Kourajian
Clerk