

St. Brendan the Navigator
Minutes of the Vestry/Renewal Team Meeting
April 19, 2018

Present: Lis Ingoldsby, Josephine Jacob, Rich Paget, Barbara Kourajian and Vesta Kowalski. Miriam called in.

Senior Warden Lis Ingoldsby called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. Jo offered an opening prayer from *The Book of Common Prayer*.

Minutes

Rich moved to accept the Minutes of the March 15th Vestry Meeting. Miriam seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ministry and Building & Grounds Updates

Outreach – Rich and Vesta reported that Outreach is focusing on two areas: child-related issues and food insecurity. They also have a strong interest in helping Anne Williams collect medical equipment which is then taken to Portland to be distributed around the world (Anne's efforts are on hold for the moment). Skip Greenlaw was going to attend a meeting at the school to find out what would be the most useful way for us to help. WindowDressers was also mentioned as another area of interest.

Worship and Music – Barbara reported the ministry continues to meet regularly to plan the next liturgical season. A Worship Forum will be held on April 22 to discuss recent innovations in worship, to assess what is working well, and to see what else could be done to enhance our services.

Pastoral Care has been meeting needs where needed. Miriam said she and Julie Pierson are keeping the Prayer List current. Diane Greenlaw has an assortment of greeting cards that are used to send get-well or sympathy wishes. These are often signed during coffee hour. Skip and Vesta took communion to Marcia Scott. Skip and Carolyn Mor are both training to become Lay Eucharistic Visitors.

Education and Spiritual Development – We finished our Lenten discussion series on *Pilgrim Road*, a book Vesta recommended to us. On April 8th, Vesta presented a very informative session on the Prayer Book.

Building and Grounds will be scheduling a Spring work day. They are working on lighting the sign outdoors. Jo reported the WindowDressers organization is looking for a regional storage place for their equipment. Jo raised the possibility of offering our basement to fill this need. Some concerns: humidity, dampness, and the amount of space that is needed. Jo will look into these concerns.

Review of March & 1st Quarter Financials

Tabled until next meeting when Pete Dane is present.

Discussion and planning for June 24th Parish Meeting to revisit Renewal Plan Goal #5

We spent some time considering the questions that need to be asked and the format of this meeting. Miriam suggested sending out questions in advance so folks are ready to respond. Members unable to attend could email their responses. Lis said we need to ascertain what our inclination is spiritually and financially. A quarter-time Priest-in-Charge will likely be an additional \$15-\$18K. Vesta framed it this way: "Is this a commitment we want to make? And, if so, what does it require of us? We need the buy-in."

We realized it would take another stewardship campaign based on a fundraising model. Individual conversations by phone or one-on-one meetings would be required.

We hope to get consensus on June 24th – we think that is possible if we ask the right questions. We agreed to ask a small committee to frame the questions for this Parish Meeting. We are hoping Lis, Pete Dane, Miriam, and Mickey Jacoba will comprise the committee.

Planning Update for the Bishop's visit on May 20th

We decided to have a welcome dinner for the Bishop with the Vestry and Ministry Chairs on Saturday, May 19th at Miriam's house. The Worship and Music Ministry will plan the Sunday service. A special coffee hour and parish conversation will follow the service. An offering for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund will be taken that day.

Annual Meeting on July 29th -- Discussion of guidelines & naming the Nominating Committee

We looked at the guidelines for the nominating committee. Barbara moved the nominating committee be comprised of three members, including two continuing or outgoing Vestry members and one member of the congregation not on the Vestry. Rich seconded the motion. The motion passed. Rich and Barbara will represent the Vestry and we hope Martha Dane will represent the congregation. It was mentioned you could self-nominate or submit a name to the nominating committee. This committee will start their work after the June 24th Parish Meeting.

Other Business

- Sign-up sheets will be available Sunday for the Diocesan Worship on April 28th and the Deer Isle Roadside Clean-up on April 27-29.
- Handling of the Sunday offering: a reminder there is a policy in place that the Sunday offering is handled by a member of Vestry and Carolyn Mor or another member of the Finance Committee if Carolyn is unavailable. We decided the Vestry member assigned to do announcements would be the person assisting Carolyn with the offering and deposit slip.
- Miriam suggested a special birthday brunch/coffee hour monthly or quarterly to celebrate birthdays ("we need more celebration!"). It was also suggested the

Hospitality Committee work on getting things set up for the summer as well as the winter months.

- Lis asked if it was worth having a day to look/sort through the files in the office and start purging. Vesta suggested waiting until we determine if we will be calling a Priest-in-Charge.
- Barbara raised the question of keys for the Vestry. We agreed all Vestry members should have a key to the building.
- We noted Vesta will be leaving us for travels in Europe for the next two months. We wished her a safe journey. She will be missed.

The next Vestry/Renewal Team meeting will be May 17th at 1:30 p.m. Dates for future meetings: June 21st at 1:30 p.m. (tentative date)
July 10th at 10 a.m.

We closed the meeting by reading the Prayer of St. Brendan together. The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Barbara Kourajian,
Clerk