

## Vestry Meeting September 10, 2019

**Attending:** The Rev. Jeff Jackson, Randy Coggins, Randy Denmon, Jeana Langford, Marcy Brewer, Paul Jarrell, Eric McDonald, Margaret Louttit, Rowan Laffoday, Debra Titkemeier, Meghan Bennett, and Craig Williard.

Father Jeff opened with devotion.

**Financials** - Craig Williard presented financials for August. Craig said finances were same as have been. Revenue is still down and expenses are on budget.

Randy Coggins moved to accept financials, Margaret Louttit second. The financials were approved.

### **Crossing New Thresholds** - Randy Denmon

Thought it went well. Over 60 people participated in event. Father Jeff said that there had been 22 surveys turned in on line. Randy reported that high on priority list was kitchen and parish hall. The committee will meet in a month to go over data with Randy Young and report to parish on St. Margaret's Day. Randy emphasized that this survey will be to address only what's next on Master Site Plan and that it in no way is it the start of a Capital Campaign.

**New Consecration Update** - Noah Brewer, Ryan Roenigk, Father Jeff, Eric McDonald, and Julie Foreman had met with Julia Gable to begin plans for New Consecration Sunday. Sunday, October 20 will be New Consecration Sunday. There will be one service only and then a lunch for parish. Jeff noted that the October 3 Vestry meeting will be a dinner, held at the home of Tom and Joy Park (Meghan Bennett's parents), to go over events for Consecration Sunday. The vestry will contribute to the cost of the dinner. The dinner will include vestry, staff, the New Consecration Committee members, and Julia Gable.

**Vestry Elections** - Father Jeff asked that members start looking for candidates to run for Vestry in January.

**Outreach** - Meghan Bennett reported that the No Show Gala had raised over \$2,000 and that reaching the community through emails didn't go as planned but lessons were learned for next year. Discussion followed. Treasurer Craig Williard thought that an Outreach Board of maybe three individuals might help Meghan on future fundraising.

Jeff reported about Meghan talking to the Pastor's Lunch about Loads of Love and maybe getting businesses to donate or sponsor a Sunday. Randy Coggins asked her to maybe contact some of the local clubs like Rotary or Kiwanis to sponsor programs too.

### **Closing Benediction**

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Foreman  
Clerk of the Vestry

## **SUBMITTED REPORTS**

Dear St. Margaret's,

It's still hot outside, but Fall is on its way! We're getting back to business, so August was a busy month of planning and activities.

### **In the Last Month:**

1. The Parish Retreat was FANTASTIC! I've done a lot of these kind of retreats in my time, but this one was the best one ever. It was hotter than you-know-where, but the fellowship was incredible. Catherine Gordon and the Staff's program was really well done. I think focusing on spiritual gifts is a really great way to enrich our ministries. The only thing we need to do now is find a way to integrate what we did on retreat back here for those who couldn't go.
2. Dock made a wonderful meal for the SW Convocation Clericus on August 13. I think everyone who came was really impressed.
3. I am working with a diocesan team on getting youth involved in the Revival with the Presiding Bishop in January. We are hoping to livestream the service, which will be on a Wednesday night, as well as hopefully rent a van or bus to take folks up there.
4. The Coffee House was another success! So much talent in our parish. Thanks Dock and Debra (who was sick, but still had folks help out)!
5. The EYC day at the Hooper's house was a lot of fun as well.
6. I did Debra's annual performance evaluation, and she and I talked about successes and areas of growth.
7. The Crossing New Thresholds Forum was a great way to get feedback from the congregation. I have been pleased with the results and think the data will be very helpful in getting our Master Site Plan complete.
8. We had a small, but great crowd at the prayer service to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of slavery in America. I read Bishop Wright's sermon that he preached on the occasion. Most of the participants were our folks, but there were a couple of folks from other churches who came.
9. The "Core 4" youth event was excellent! We had about 30 kids, and each church led an icebreaker. We ate food and concluded with a Bible study led by Debra. I think doing monthly things with these churches is going to be a great partnership.
10. The Stewardship Committee met with Julia Gable, our New Consecration Sunday leader. We planned the calendar for that process, and I am expecting it to be a successful campaign. Many thanks to Noah Brewer, Ryan Roenigk, Julie Foreman, and Eric McDonald for all their work on that.
11. I've been meeting with several new folks who are interested in St. Margaret's. I think in the last month, I've met with 3 different folks who are looking for a church home.
12. Wednesday nights kicked off in earnest this past week with choirs, Adult Forum, and kids programs.

### **What's Coming Up:**

1. This Sunday, we go back to 2 services. Just a couple of things we are going to try for a little bit.
  1. I am going to do announcements at the beginning of the service in order to leave some time for quiet ahead of the service. I still get several complaints about the noise level before the service.
  2. We are going to record the 9:00am service and upload it to our website and FB page. Ryan Roenigk is working on that.
2. Adult Bible Study, Sunday school, and J2A are back in session this Sunday, as well as a new class on Deepening Prayer that Hugh Russell is teaching.
3. Looking forward to the Back to Business picnic on Sunday at 4:00pm!
4. St. Margaret's Volleyball team will start playing this week! If you can't play, come out and cheer us on!
5. We'll be starting a once-a-month intergenerational activity on Wednesday nights called "Messy Church." It's focused on a biblical story with several hands-on activities for adults, youth, and children. I hope everyone will participate.
6. The Staff is going to be doing AED training as well as CPR training in the next month.
7. Listening to a number of folks in the congregation, I am planning on starting a Grief Support Group starting September 19. I'm not sure what shape it will take, but this first meeting will be to get some thoughts and work together to figure out what folks need the most.
8. I will be at our diocesan Clergy Conference September 23-24 at Rock Eagle in Eatonton.
9. Episcopal 101 will start back on September 29 at 6:00pm.
10. The Crossing New Thresholds Committee will meet with Randy Young at the end of the month to begin working on the results of the forum.
11. In lieu of a regular meeting, the Vestry will meet next month on October 3 with Julia Gable for the New Consecration Sunday Leadership dinner for stewardship. Meghan's parents have graciously offered their home for us to meet.
12. I will be gone 2 Sundays in October. I am preaching at a friend's wedding the weekend of October 6, and then we are going to be gone with the kids for Fall Break that week. Then, my niece is being confirmed in Alabama on October 27. We are working on getting supply for those Sundays.

Peace,  
Jeff+