

Vestry Meeting was held Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the nave at St. Benedict's

Attendees:

Rev. Jenna Strizak, Ann Canipe, Scott Offen, Kelly McNabb, Jack Sickling, Laura Alexander, Laura Bracci, Taylor Stukes, Joe Thomas, Phil King, Katie Loadholtes, Victoria Patrick, Greg Stevens, Scott Stewart

Mother Jenna led Bible Study and Prayer

Minutes from July meeting were reviewed and approved.

RECTOR'S REPORT

- **Stewardship Planning Update**
 - Greg Stevens, Julia Searcy, and Mother Jenna are leading a 5-week stewardship program.
 - Goals:
 - Increase number of pledges from congregation - 105 is the target number.
 - Re-engage some members of the congregation who have paused service attendance and engagement in the last year
- Budget transparency to the parish
- Key messages include; the Value of pledging, contemplating the power of money, removing anxiety around money, exploring what St. Benedict's could be
- Abiding scripture: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." (1 Cor 3:6-7)
- **Renewal of Ministry**
 - Oct 3rd the Bishop will preside over Mother Jenna's renewal of ministry service
 - 8 youths to be confirmed
 - 4 adults to be received
 - 1 child to be baptized
 - Reception will be outdoors, food donations are needed
- Zach Jones has decided to pause his discernment for priesthood momentarily and asks for our continued prayers.
- St. Benedict's school still plans to add trailers to assist with space challenges. County permitting for the trailers has proven challenging. Father Brian will report progress to the Vestry in October.
- St. Benedict's school has installed ionization air filters throughout the school, but not in the nave. Vestry discussed a proposal to share costs of adding ionization air filters to the nave. Decision is to table the proposal in favor of more research.

SR WARDEN'S REPORT

- Vestry nominations for next year are needed. Notice will be placed in bulletin and newsletter. Vestry encouraged to consider and pray for potential new Vestry members.
- Diocesan Council will be held virtually 11/12-13. St. Benedict's plans to send 2 participants. If others are interested, please contact Mother Jenna or Ann Canipe.

- Nave rug; the runner in the center aisle of the nave needs to be replaced. Quotes have been procured. Pricing seems fair. Motion to approve rug replacement was made and approved.
- VPOD duties were discussed. Vestry person of the day duties include ushering at the 8:00 service. Instructions for handling cash and attendance were reiterated.
- A kind and generous parish member has volunteered to attempt to reupholster the worn fabric on some of the chairs in the nave. An update is expected by October.

JR WARDEN'S REPORT

- There is broad approval for the tree removal that was done in August.
- In December several bigger trees will be trimmed and at least one dangerous tree removed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- PPP loan #2 forgiveness is proceeding and expected to be done by end of year.
- Overall, money is still very tight
- Reporting of the budget was discussed to ensure parish visibility and accuracy around PPP loans. Finance report will change slightly to include footnote(s) around PPP. Motion was put made and approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Viewership on St. Benedict's YouTube channel has increased since live streaming began
- St. Benedict's Yelp page has been launched. Vestry members are encouraged to add reviews.
- Vestry discussed making phone calls to parish members who may not have attended recently. Contacting efforts were encouraged and are expected to continue.
- Dates to Keep in Mind:
 - October 3 (3:00 pm): Renewal of Ministry, Holy Baptism, Confirmations, Receptions with Bishop Wright
 - October 10 (8:00 and 10:30): Stewardship Kickoff with Blessing of Vocations
 - October 10 (4:00 pm): Blessing of the Animals
 - November 7: All Saints (w Baptism at 10:30) and Commitment Sunday
 - November 14: Annual Meeting (between services: 9:15-10:15) and Vestry Election

Doxology was sung and Vestry meeting was dismissed

Vestry sung the Doxology together and dismissed

Vestry Meeting was held Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the main conference room at St. Benedict's

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RECTOR'S REPORT

Stewardship

- Vestry is encouraged to participate in Stewardship campaign
- Anytime pledges are welcome, no need to wait for pledge Sunday ceremony
- Key stewardship milestone event dates were announced

Mother Jenna expressed thanks for Vestry and to the church community for support during recent events, especially the recent funeral of a child and the Welcome of the Rector Service with Bishop Wright.

Brian Sullivan will conduct a separate meeting with the Vestry soon to review school plans including trailer deployment, land use, and plans.

Ionization of the Nave is on hold for now given recent increase in humidity in the Nave. Cause of the increase is under investigation by the HVAC company. No danger is presented by the humidity increase

Worn chairs were generously recovered by several members of the parish; Christie Stevens, Rachel Oliver, Courtenay Wallace, Victoria Patrick, and perhaps others.

The new runner for the Nave has been shipped to a location within driving distance. May be picked up week of 10/19. Installation to come. Some routine hardwood floor maintenance may be in order prior to runner installation.

SR WARDEN REPORT

Stewardship letter coming from Sr Warden and Stewardship Chair. Vestry encouraged to make pledges.

Upcoming Vestry Christmas Party 12/19, details to come.

Vestry nominations have been received, reviewed, and discussed. Calls are being made and the final slate of potential new Vestry members will be released soon and included in weekly Newsletter. Sr Warden and Mother Jenna encourage continued prayers for potential new members.

JR WARDEN

No report

OTHER BUSINESS

General consensus is that live streaming church services is a positive step. Number of views is encouraging. Special events are also being live streamed and recorded. Vestry encouraged to thank members who consistently volunteer time and effort to make life streaming happen.

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