

## **Vestry Meeting**

### **August 17, 2025**

Members Present: Harold Ashworth, Danielle Bland, Karen Bronaugh, Bill Kennan, Harvey Leist, Joe Richmeier, Chris Witt, Fr. Mark

Members Absent: Jane Ellis, Marie Painter

The meeting opened with prayer.

The June meeting minutes were reviewed. Chris motioned to accept the minutes. Bill seconded. All approved.

#### **Financial Report**

- Per Val's email, expenses are on target.

A replacement for Janet Webster for altar flowers has not yet been found. It was suggested that people sign up for a Sunday and order flowers or put an arrangement together. Another suggestion is to have arrangements of silk flowers that can be used when Janet is away. Danielle will talk with Janet about how many silk flowers we would need and how much it would cost.

The pottery to replace what David Jones loaned the church has been ordered.

- Chris motioned to accept the financial report. Bill seconded. All approved.

#### **Upcoming**

- Sunday supper on August 31 at Jane Carper's.
- Choir workday on August 30.
- Wilderness Trail Festival-Fr. Mark is working with Kathy Fowler to head up the booth. Jennifer Miller is also willing to help out.
  - The main thing is to encourage people to attend the Blessing of the Animals. We can also promote the Lessons and Carols service the choir is planning for the second Sunday of Advent.
  - Chris is working on the yard signs for the booth.
- St. Francis Blessing of the Animals is on October 5.
- The Christiansburg high school homecoming parade is September 5. We will have the lemonade stand for the participants again this year. Danielle will help set it up. Fr. Mark will contact Jennifer Miller, too.
- Parish Retreat – Fr. Mark would like to revive the retreat at SELU later in October.
  - The secretary will look into the availability of SELU in October.
  - Harvey motioned to appropriate the money to reserve for SELU for the parish retreat.

#### **Choir**

- The crosses are looking pretty ramshackle. The choir is requesting funds from the Memorial Fund to replace the crosses.

- Harold motioned to appropriate money from the Memorial Fund for the crosses. Chris seconded. All approved.
- Amy Frazier and John Priddy want to hire Tony Ringgold to play the organ during service every six months. We can use the money from the Supply Clergy account since Fr. Mark has not needed them.

#### Columbarium Niche

- Mary Schwindt passed away in July. She let her neighbor, who had healthcare power of attorney, know that she would like to be interred in the columbarium. Fr. Mark would like to honor her wishes.
- There is at least one double niche that is empty and paid for by the Leigh's. Fr. Mark would like to donate the niche to Mary and keep the other open in case a similar situation comes up.
- Bill motioned to donate the niche and plaque for Mary Schwindt. Danielle seconded. All approved.

#### Buildings & Grounds

- Joe received bids for a one-time clean up of the gardens. They ranged from \$1500-\$2500 and covered taking out trees, cleaning up, and spraying poison ivy.
- Harvey motioned to appropriate up to \$2500 from the Landscape Labor account to get the gardens cleaned up. Joe seconded. All approved.
- Lora Beeken and Gail Leist put together an inventory of the items in the sacristy.
- Fr. Mark and Jenny will switch offices after the choir room switch is done. The choir move will be part of the choir workday.

We have not yet made any donations to the Room at the Table program. Instead of monthly payments, we will pay \$1800 in total. Danielle will take the check to the next team leader meeting in September.

The next go around for the Beloved Community grant is coming up. Danielle would like help with preparing the grant. Bill will look at the information that she has.

Harvey motioned to adjourn. Chris seconded. All approved.

The next meeting is September 21, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Stalvey