

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting

March 9, 2020

Present: Fr. Tommy Dillon, Senior Warden – Julie Parrish, Junior Warden – Ronny Daley, Secretary – Diane Bondioli, Treasurer -- Jack Warner, Traci Precht, Tammy Gremillion, Mark Liggett. Also present: Molly Williams, Director, Montessori School of Baton Rouge; Ann Dartez, Cheryl Duplechain, and Fr. Ron Clingenpeel.

Absent: Jennifer Ocken, Fay Barnett.

Meeting convened at 6:24 pm.

- I. Opening devotion led by Fr. Tommy Dillon.
- II. Presentation by Molly Williams on impact of impending Runnels School closure on opportunities for nonsectarian education in Baton Rouge, especially in light of Runnels announcement coming after the deadline for application for magnet programs at East Baton Rouge Parish schools, and opportunity for Montessori program to serve the need thorough expanded use of space at St. Margaret's, including vestry meeting room and adjoining restrooms.
  - a. General support expressed by several Vestry members.
  - b. Discussion of security and handicapped access concerns by Mark Liggett.
  - c. Motion by Jack Warner to authorize Executive Committee to look into possibility further and enter into negotiations. Seconded by Traci Precht. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Correction of February 27, 2020 Vestry Minutes to show that Ross Young will take over the parish website only during Fr. Tommy's sabbatical. Motion to approve minutes as amended by Julie Parrish, seconded by Jack Warner. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Treasurer's Report (see report for details)
  - a. Balance sheet as of February 29, 2020.
    - i. Cash in banks: \$153,435.66
    - ii. Other current assets: \$1,390.34
    - iii. Fixed assets net of depreciation: \$671,429.98
    - iv. Current liabilities: \$9,409.60
    - v. Long term liabilities: \$233,081.96
    - vi. Restricted Funds: \$76,993.97
  - b. Profit and Loss for February 29, 2020 and Year to Date
    - i. Revenue of \$23,465.14
    - ii. Pastoral Expenses of \$7,520.24
    - iii. Personnel Expenses of \$2,998.40
    - iv. Administrative Expenses of \$5,326.54
    - v. Program Expenses of \$894.20
    - vi. General Expenses of \$3,205.94

- vii. Month ended with a Net Income of \$3,519.82 against a Budgeted Deficit of \$7,751.91; Year to date Actual Income of \$27,876.97 against a Budgeted YTD Income of \$9,746.19.
- V. Rector Report:
  - a. Fr. Tommy traveled to Pensacola, Florida with music director Maria Curry to map out liturgy and music for clergy renewal period.
- VI. Old Business:
  - a. Vestry meeting dates set for April 13 at 6:30 p.m. and May 11.
- VII. New Business:
  - a. Ministry Architects proposal for youth program.
    - 1. Molly Blackwell, Dorothy Leblanc, and Julie Parrish spoke with Mary Beth Abplanal of Ministry Architects via Zoom on the company's proposal on assisting with youth programs at St. Margaret's, particularly in light of Dorothy Leblanc's stepping down as coordinator of programs for young people.
    - 2. Ministry Architects' proposal offered three levels of involvement; the Functional Investment Option was deemed best suited to St. Margaret's.
    - 3. Cost to be funded in part by proceeds of reverse auction at 2019 Follies.
    - 4. Julie Parrish provided insights on prior programs.
    - 5. Traci Precht addressed scarcity of opportunities within the parish for involvement for teenagers and the need for involving children from birth to college-age.
    - 6. Fr. Tommy stated that the recommended level of funding for youth programs is \$2,000.00 per child per year.
    - 7. Discussion of proposal and need for youth programs at St. Margaret's.
    - 8. Motion by Mark Liggett to approve moving forward with the Functional Investment Option. Seconded by Jack Warner. Motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Clergy Renewal Grant presentation by Ann Dartez, Cheryl Duplechain and Julie Parrish.
  - c. Introduction of Fr. Ron Clingenpeel and presentation on his thoughts on his role at St. Margaret's during Fr. Tommy's clergy renewal period.
    - 1. No intent to modify current practices at church.
    - 2. Plan to implement a "pilgrimage" theme so that congregation members share in Fr. Tommy's experiences.
- VIII. Closing prayer led by Fr. Ron Clingenpeel.
- IX. Adjournment at 7:27 pm to attend meet and greet reception for Fr. Ron.