

A Summary of Vestry Actions taken at the April 11, 2024 Meeting:

REVIEW OF YEARLY

CALENDAR:

Warden Lucy Leske determined that a monthly calendar would be a helpful reference to help us remain organized. The Parochial report deadlines helped stem the idea of this yearly calendar. The Parochial report is a snap shot of all we do and gives a window into the health of the parish and determines assessment numbers. It also helps with reviewing the worldwide health of the Episcopal Church when put together from all countries. Lucy also shared that there may be an upcoming opening on the Audit Committee.

PRESCHOOL

IDEAS

Some highlights: St. Paul's would be the landlords; the preschool would be a standalone, bringing in all their own supplies, furniture, insurance, etc. St. Paul's is looking into what Parish House improvements would be needed and the associated costs as we'd need to meet certain requirements for a preschool. Pasty Wright wondered how many students would be involved – ten in one program and fifteen in the other. Possibly six in another group as well. We do have the required 35-foot square footage needed per child. The insurance issues have been addressed and there would be a nominal increase, and we need to make sure the individual people have the proper insurance as well. Liz Bristow will be speaking with a woman who runs a preschool off island for further information.

CAMPUS

REPORT

Plans are moving forward with Gardner Hall and architect Matt MacEachern is doing a walk-through next week. Working with contractors re: possible HVAC and sprinkler systems for Hall and church. A "dry system" would be used so sprinklers couldn't go off by accident. This work may be supported in part by a CPC Grant. It would be in the six-figure range and they are looking to get three quotes.

Treasure Martin McKerrow noted that insurance costs would drop by 25% if the

church had sprinklers. Will have a General Contractor for whole project. Libby noted we need to have the kitchen and Gardner Hall floors cleaned by Servpro (\$3,000 cost). Kitchen vents have their regular cleaning next week.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Martin reported that we have expended over \$200,000 of funds on ongoing capital projects. In spite of this, through the generosity of donors our financial situation continues to reflect adequate liquidity for upcoming known needs. As expected in the first three months of the year operational expenses have exceeded operational income, but in fact the deficit is somewhat smaller than budgeted.

INVESTIMATE

RESULTS

Kirk Baker reported Year to Date we are up \$58,459, over last year we are up almost \$180,000.

2024 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Peter Barnes shared we have received 152 pledges totaling \$488,000, last year at this time we had 168 pledges for a total of \$492,000.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Father Max thanked all who have sent condolence notes and emails about his mother's death, her funeral is this Saturday in RI and he will be officiating. His Mom lived a long and full life and he has many good stories to share. He and Olly are relaxing on Block Island. The Easter service was very crowded with 180 folks from across the island, Palm Sunday weather was not good so the crowd was less than expected. Maudy Thursday and the Requiem very moving.

The J1 Visa bike program has grown and he's already receiving many calls. We have fifty bikes at present and we need help with transferring and meeting students who wish to pick up these free bikes. It was decided certain times and days would be offered for bike pick-ups. Joe Hammer leaves tomorrow for a week. Max remains very grateful for everyone's commitment.

WARDENS' REPORTS

Lucy thanked everyone for their trust in her. She believes the Preschool is a great idea and feels our church location is wonderful and we need to utilize the building in many different ways, offering it to the community. Jay Craven group is a super use of space, little kids in our space even better. We do need to look at church campus and she'd love to have a spring clean-up crew. Patsy Wright shared that the Easter Vigil was very moving. Martin McKerrow expressed concern with the Jay Craven group making access to the church and Parish House difficult.

Warden Bob Felch shared that the Stop & Shop will donate to the St. Paul's Suppers on April 9 with their \$1 blooming bouquets. That info will be mentioned in the next Outreach newsletter.