

A Summary of Vestry Actions taken at the April 10, 2025 Meeting:

- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Kirk Baker explained he'd like to look into how the current budgets have been done and use that as a tool/guide for moving forward. All agreed. It was noted we do use QuickBooks for the church's accounting. It was decided there was not enough information at the current time to make a **motion to accept the treasurer's report.**
- **STEWARSHIP UPDATE:** Peter Barnes noted that 1st quarter donations are continuing to come in.

CAMPUS REPORT: Update on Gardner Hall

Guest John Barnes handed out a printed sheet to all in attendance and explained they have been meeting with the Design Team every two weeks. At the next Vestry meeting they will present the designs. Architect Josh Bancroft will be coming on Monday, and the ceiling in Gardner Hall will be opened to see where lines, etc. actually are. There are mock ups being done for the interior of the church to hide the sprinklers (as much as possible) with a tentative start date of September, 2025. The most cost-effective approach would be for the church proper and Gardner Hall work to be undertaken at the same time. For the sprinkler work, the company proposed that one half of the church could remain useable while the other half would be covered with the scaffolding. The entire process would take three months, although it is a moving equation. The sprinkler person is a key component regarding timing.

It was proposed that we reach out to any other churches to see if we may be able to use their space during these renovations. Our beautiful Chapel only holds so many folks, and last winter there were times when it was at full capacity, even when there were fewer parishioners here. John Barnes and Steve Paradis shared that the last big hurdle is to find an electrical engineer as we need more power within the church.

Sound system:

We are receiving numerous and constant complaints about the quality of the audio for broadcast services. Lucy Leske explained that the "current system" is working off a system that was installed a number of years ago with equipment that had already been purchased; then new mics, speakers, etc. were added but the current digital and Bluetooth equipment doesn't sync with the analog mixer or with broadcast applications and technology. So, it's been jury-rigged to work, but isn't satisfactory in any way. The current audio challenges cannot be fixed with the current equipment, so John Barnes brought in four companies to look at the problem and only ONE company is interested in and capable of helping us. They handle all the sound systems for the Episcopal churches on Cape Cod, so they are aware of what we need. There was also discussion about the FaceBook vs. YouTube on streaming our Sunday services – "YouTube is plug & play." Lucy asked the Vestry if we should allow John to move forward with this sound company and all agreed. Liz Bristow noted that we want to make sure the congregation knows we understand this is a problem and are continuing to work toward a solution.

Jay Riggs wondered if the minister and speakers/readers could use the headsets that theatre companies use?

REVENUE REPORT: Events

It was explained that there is in fact \$29,000 in the budget for a Christmas Market and Friday evening concert, but if the renovations are being done, we'd be unable to hold either. Lou Gennaro wondered if the renovations might be started after Jan. 1st when there are fewer folks on island? Much discussion, but it appears that Gardner Hall work will need to start in the fall of this year.

Lynx

Curtis Barnes has arranged for a parish-wide trip on the Tall Ship Lynx for the summer – Friday, June 13 from 5:30 – 7:30PM. It will be a similar fundraiser to the Ships Inn dinners, with a cost of \$125 per person for those wishing to attend.

Ships Inn Dinner

The Ships Inn Spring dinner will be held, but date will be determined once owner Mark Gotwold returns for the summer.

WARDEN'S REPORT

Search for next Rector after Max retires:

Warden Lucy Leske explained that we'd need to select a Chair for the search, and then a committee.

Safe Church:

Warden Liz Bristow noted that the Vestry will meet with Canon Kelly just before Palm Sunday. We will also be discussing the Safe Church process with her.

NO OTHER BUSINESS