

September 19, 2022 Vestry Meeting

Sam Ferguson, Rector, reflected on Sunday, September 11th's successful ministry fair which followed his teaching on Vision and Mission. On September 20th, Sam will be receiving the Archbishop of Egypt, Samy Fawzy, on the church campus.

George Connors, Treasurer, provided the treasurer's report, noting that August contributions were significantly above budget due to stock gifts and non-pledged giving. For the month of August, expenses were above budget, largely due to personnel costs. George also presented an update on the 6565 Arlington Blvd LLC.

Tom Yates, Finance Committee Chair, presented a report from the Finance Committee noting that the church has been blessed by generous donations from its members and careful management of expenditures by its staff. As a result, the church realized a FY22 operating surplus. The Finance Committee recommended that the vestry utilize some of the surplus funds for mortgage reduction, capital reserves, outreach initiatives, and strategic hiring and staff initiatives. The vestry approved the recommendations.

Tom Yates noted that the church's accountants recently completed an audit of the financial statements for the year ending August 31, 2021. He stated that the accountants made some suggestions for strengthening controls in some areas. Tom reviewed the responses and actions taken by the church to address their findings and recommendations.

Steve Skancke, Fellows Board Chair, provided an update on the Fellows Program, noting that the mission of the program is to equip recent college graduates to live seamless lives of faith in all areas of life. He provided an overview of the program's budget and highlighted a few upcoming transitions. The vestry approved the Fellows' FY23 budget.

Peggy Aderton, Register, presented the minutes from the August vestry meeting. The vestry approved an edited version of the minutes.

Jess Blanchard, vestry member of the Communication Committee, provided an update on the Communications Committee's work on branding and logo. The church has contracted with an outside firm to provide a brand book and visual work guidelines.

Morna Comeau and Whit Jordan presented the Wardens' Report. Morna and Whit attended a Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic wardens' gathering hosted by Bishop Guernsey. Morna shared some reflections from that meeting. Whit noted that TFCA's Commitment Sunday is planned for November 13. Whit presented a resolution for the Formation of the Vestry Nomination and Election Committee. The vestry approved the resolution.

Curt presented the Executive Director's report. He opened by noting the tremendous progress made over the past two years towards implementing the vision of the church – Discipleship/Community/Mission. He recommended the vestry call Abigail Westbrook as Director of Children and Family Ministries. The vestry approved the call.