

April 16, 2024 Vestry Meeting Summary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present from the Vestry were: David Andrukonis, Linda Christie, Alyssa DaCunha, Harold Dobbs, Eric Deussing, Garrett Gustafson, Kris Iverson, Steffen Johnson, Matt Kasowski, Steven Law, Kelly McFadden, Esther Powell, Chris Roth, David Seawright, Kristen Short, and Scott Thompson.

Also present were: Sam Ferguson (Rector), Curt Yeo (Executive Director), George Connors (Treasurer), Scott Ward (Chancellor), and Tom Yates (Vice Chancellor).

Opening Prayer and Scripture

Sam opened by reading from Luke 6:36: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

Rector's Report

Sam noted that he would be dedicating two sermons to addressing the issues raised by the investigation. He then plans to teach on the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6). He requested prayer for two upcoming engagements: in May, he will be the Bible teacher at Julian Dobb's Synod for the Diocese of the Living Word. He will give four talks. In June, he will travel to Cairo to attend the Global South Fellowship of Anglicans.

Executive Director's Report

Curt provided an update on the Christianity Explored program, noting that it had been encouraging to see people engaging with the Word of God and discussing the Word together at their tables. He requested continued prayer for the staff.

Congregational Care Department Report

Isaiah Brooms provided an update on the Congregational Care Department. They are interviewing for a licensed professional counselor (LPC) role. Discussion ensued regarding the role of the church members in assisting in the work of caring for the congregation. He also noted that the church is starting a "10 great dates" program, where the church will provide a few hours of care while couples have an opportunity to go out on a date.

Financial Report

George Connors presented the March 2024 financial summary.

Details of all financials are available in the April 2024 Vestry folder.

George Connors departed the meeting at 7:55 p.m. following the financial report.

Recommendation for Ordination

Curt presented an additional form for the vestry's approval and signature related to an ordination (whose recommendation for ordination was reviewed and approved at an earlier Vestry meeting). Her ordination is scheduled for June 2024. Kelly moved to approve the form approving her ordination, Steffen seconded, and the motion passed by voice vote.

Executive Session

Eddie Isler joined the meeting at 8 p.m. and the Vestry moved into executive session. Eddie presented a summary of the special investigation report and discussion ensued regarding questions around the investigation.

Eddie departed the meeting at 9:45 p.m. and the Vestry resumed regular session.

Approval of March 19, 2024 Vestry Minutes

Alyssa presented the notes from the March 19th Vestry meeting. Steffen moved to adopt, Steven seconded, and the motion passed by voice vote.

Funding Request for Christian Freedom International Funding Request

Scott presented a recommendation to fund Christian Freedom International in the amount of \$12,000. Steven moved to approve the recommendation, Steffen seconded, and the motion passed by voice vote.

Wardens' Report

Kelly presented a recommendation to add three members to the Special Committee: Rich Dean, Evans Rice, and Gail Thompson. Kelly moved to approve the motion, Sam seconded, and the motion passed by voice vote.

Kristen provided an overview of the timing for the release of the special investigation report.

Sam closed the meeting in prayer at 10:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa DaCunha, Register