

Minutes for July 15, 2018 Meeting of the St Gregory Nyssen Vestry
12:40 PM in the conference room/curate's office

Attending: Paul Fromberg, Kelsey Menehan, Katherine Krebs, Randy Bowman, Burton Edwards, and Susan Sutton

Not Present: Greg Curatolo, Joe Bolling, and Amy Baker

Susan Sutton, acting as secretary

1. Agenda: We approved the agenda submitted by Paul F. Due to vacations and a full agenda this month, we are postponing action on our loan and the prime rate increase as well as a report by Kerri on FoG camp and Parish Retreat until next month.

2. Minutes: We approved the June minutes, and Paul shall place the initialed copy in the office binder.

3. Vocations: We unanimously approved AnneMarie Hoos's C-6 form endorsing her application for candidacy in the ordination process. With 2/3 of the Vestry in attendance, we had the required number of signatures, with Susan signing for the Secretary/Clerk of the Vestry. We attached the statement of her committee laying out in greater detail her qualifications, and we wish her well. Paul will leave the signed document for Leesy, who is on AnneMarie's committee.

4. 540 De Haro: Burton reported on the progress of negotiations so far with the developer next door w.r.t. repairing the damage caused by their demolition and installing waterproofing on our south wall. At the time of the vestry meeting, the Building Committee had drawings and specifications from both David Mar, the original structural engineer, and a waterproofing consultant, McGinnis Chen Associates, and had presented a contract proposal to the developer. Gerald Murphy of Lubin Olson is serving as the church's land use attorney in this matter and prepared the contract with the input of members of the Committee and others; a copy of his legal contract has been made available for the office binder. Burton plans to meet with Linda Herman, a construction manager recommended by the Diocese, and we expect to employ her as our on-site representative and inspector.

There is no expedient alternative to having the developer do the repair and waterproofing work themselves, despite the strained nature of the relationship between the developer/contractor and the parish, so it is critical that we build in as many safeguards as possible to ensure the quality of the work. It will be all but impossible to reach the affected areas of our southern wall for further work or repairs once the development at 540 starts going up. Our proposal is that the developer does everything touching the property line, and all interior work and work away from the southern boundary line will be done by our own contractor. The team at 540 has been applying extraordinary and unpleasant pressure both to our contractor and to Burton and others to expedite the process of repair/waterproofing. The Vestry thanks Burton and the Building Committee for the work they continue to put in on behalf of the parish in dealing with the project next door and with our own repairs and improvements.

On a related note, the door into the admin building is now working again thanks to a rebuilt lock.

5. Rector's Report: Paul has just returned from General Convention in Austin and will talk about the results of it at greater length in next Sunday's Adult Forum. During his time away he also preached at Nadia Bolz-Weber's last Sunday at HFASS in Denver, where Reagan Humber will

be taking over as pastor. While he was in Austin, Paul was approached also by Paul Kinnington, who has been exploring the possibilities of doing a church plant in east London based on some of the practices and theology of St. Gregory's. The vestry discussed whether or not we would consider St. Gregory's a "brand" without reaching any final conclusion but with a strong consensus that we do not own St Gregory of Nyssa either as a name or as an approach to theology that we would seek to leverage to our own financial advantage.

Paul also updated us on the ongoing 40th anniversary celebration of the parish. We plan to visit Trinity Church on July 29 after the 11:00 AM liturgy, and we are still planning to put out a parish cookbook in August despite some need for more energy on that project.

6. Strategic Presence: Katherine introduced herself as the new commissioner and outlined some of the things she has already started doing, making connections with various neighborhood groups. We agreed to hold off for right now on promoting our new Tai Chi Thursdays to a wider audience until we are more ready. However, we agreed that revisions to our Facebook presence don't need to wait; we have at least 3 groups, only one of which is active (but 'closed'), which means that we are not doing anything visible to members of the general public there. Katherine is enthusiastic about getting started with her work connecting us to Potrero/Dogpatch/Mission Bay and the Vestry is pleased to have someone filling this important role again.