

St. Gregory's Vestry Meeting

Minutes for August 29, 2021

Present: Ben Cryer, Tim Yip, Anne Symonds, Margaret Sympson, Andy Wells,

Other guests: John Wolff (new seminarian), Leesy, Randy, Tonia.

1. Adopted the agenda – Voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented
2. Pushed off minutes approval for next month.
3. Tim discussed the financial roles in the vestry and the Church and the monthly review process.
4. Andy gave financial report. We are on plan for the year-end forecast.
 - a. Conversation held regarding how designated money is spent.
5. Discussion held on columbarium plans and funding
 - a. Leesy provided the recommendation to direct funds received for columbarium spaces to go towards the construction of the columbarium until it's completed. This would be a temporary direction to the treasurer from the vestry.
 - b. Ben will determine the number of columbarium niches in the plan for next meeting.
 - c. Questions regarding the rest of the money needed for the columbarium – will come from the planned capital campaign.
 - d. Anne moves: "that the vestry designate the sale of any columbarium niches toward the cost of rebuilding the columbarium (including or not including the memorial garden), until sufficient designated funds have been accumulated to pay the full project cost, including a reasonable cushion. Then the project is fully funded, the vestry will decide the use of future proceeds of niche sales." Seconded by Tim, approved unanimously.
6. Other reports:
 - a. Ben reports waiting for engineer results for new construction.
 - b. Anne reports regathering Committee will review with staff the plans for the fall.
 - c. Introduction of John Wolff, seminarian.
7. Q&A with church members
 - a. Tonia asked about the possibility of community outreach opportunities to boost church membership. Discussion regarding current state and assignments. General feeling is there are things being done but opportunity for more.
 - b. Tim received an email for what we're doing with the results of the visioning exercises completed prior to Covid. Discussion on how regathering will incorporate that visioning.
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