

St. Gregory's of Nyssa Regular Vestry Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2021

Present by Zoom: Paul Fromberg, Anne Symonds, Bill Phillips, Andy Wells, Linda Hall, Margaret Simpsons, Ben Cryer, Will Capps, Tim Yip, Leesy Taggart

1. Paul convened the June meeting of the vestry with a prayer.
2. Vote to approve agenda for May meeting of the SGN vestry.
Paul motions to approve agenda; motion seconded. Agenda unanimously adopted.
3. Tim motions to approve May meeting minutes; motion seconded.
Minutes approved with grammatical changes.
4. Capital Campaign Update
 - Vestry action(s):
 - Moving remaining GiTL (previous capital campaign) funds to Tree of Life Campaign (current capital campaign)
 - Direct that funds remaining from the Tree of Life campaign will be placed in the capital fund without designation (and communicate the same in fund raising materials)
 - a. Per Paul, capital campaign is going as well as can be expected; we are still waiting for formal pledge statements from a couple of vestry members. Vestry action needed for committal to capital campaign, from Vestry Members.
 - b. Paul reports that two contracts have been signed; one with an engineering firm and the other with a geological firm. These contracts are for testing of soil and rock condition near the columbarium to determine possible need for a retaining wall.
 - c. Discussion of agenda above two action item(s) commences regarding the moving of remaining funds from the GiTL (previous capital campaign) to the Tree of Life campaign and closing the GiTL fund, allowing for a single fund.
 - From treasures perspective it might be easier to have one account moving forward.
 - Discussion centers on the moving of monies from GiTL fund with, or without, a specific commitment and designation of those funds for lighting improvements. Concerns expressed by some vestry members about moving funds from GiTL (previous capital campaign) without a specific commitment of funds for those funds for lighting improvements.
 - GiTL scheduled to end by December 2021. Roughly \$30,000.00 of reliably pledged funds are still outstanding in GiTL by a single donor pending commitment of those funds to specific actions of project. However, this donor has agreed that these funds can be moved and committed to the Tree of Life fund for the columbarium, now that we know it has to be moved.

- From an accounting perspective some members think it might be better to maintain 2 accounts (for now) and not combine the GiTL funds without a clear designation of usage.
 - Per vestry discussion, its decided we need further research before taking a vote on first resolution. For clarity, we need to determine that if funds are specifically dedicated to the lighting project, or columbarium project, can we then move GiTL funds to the Tree of Life campaign, allowing us to maintain a single fund going forward.
 - Tim offers that we won't break anything by pausing on the first resolution, for now.
 - Vestry agrees to pause for now on the first resolution, pending further research.
- d. Tim motions to adopt the second resolution that funds remaining from the Tree of Life campaign will be placed in the capital fund without designation when the Tree of Life campaign ends; motion seconded. Motion for the second resolution unanimously adopted by Vestry.

5. Finance Report -- Andy Wells

- a. Moving forward Andy will be reconciling our books on a monthly basis which means that after Leesy does her work, Andy will double check it and see monthly what monies are coming in and going out.
- b. Andy had questions for Leesy this month regarding last years vestry vote giving a raise to the rector. Monies come from and are balanced out by a change of cost in benefits, making the raise a zero impact cost to budget. Also, projected estimate for garbage costs was under, but Food Pantry paid thier portion bringing this to balance.
- c. This years dip in summer revenues, matches the summer dip in revenues which has typically occurred over the past several years.
- d. Some building use rentals are returning, so we are having a projected increase in rent income.

6. Re-opening Discussion

- a. Discussion regarding the technology of our service today?
 - Sometimes Sanford's voice is dominant over the melody which makes singing difficult, so some mike adjustment need there.
 - A suggestion that the preacher only should be spot lit. The tech instruction today was to spot light the preacher and zoom folks.
 - Wide angle was very good for seeing people moving around on Zoom.
 - Its becoming clear that both a Zoom host and a camera person are necessary to make service flow smoothly.
 - On Zoom it is still difficult to hear what people are praying during the prayers of the people. Though we have a culture of speaking out at SGN, there is a hesitancy for clergy to repeat what people are praying for so Zoom members can hear. Paul offers the prayers could be added in the chat.
 - Continued tweaking mikes for service are need--its a work in progress.

7. Parish Retreat Discussion

- We have not had a full parish retreat since 2018 due to fires and the pandemic.
- Paul, one thing the vestry should try to figure out is a time where people can talk to the vestry, not on Saturday night but Sunday morning perhaps. Traditional *"dessert with the*

Vestry”?

- Tim, in the past an informal, impromptu parenting lesson turned into a thing. A scheduled event could be helpful for getting some sage advice and wisdom from parents.
- Susan Sutton is doing housing/room assignments.

8. Other Committee Reports:

- a. Convening of nominating committee for Outward Looking Convener and Membership Chair.
- Ask Chuck to perhaps serve as Convener of Committee.

9. Rector’s Report

- Terri Johnson died this morning. Was grateful to see Terri and Brad last Friday afternoon.
- Katherine Krebs continues to have treatments, her energy continues to be positive.
- Paul is glad we are back in church together. We continue figuring out how to do it in person and on Zoom every week.
- Fog camp starts tomorrow.

10. Other Reports/New Business

- Tim reminds that certain vestry member terms will be over at years end and that recruiting new members should be on our radar.

11. Open Q&A and discussion time for visiting members

- No guests.

12. Closing Prayer and Adjourn

Next Vestry Meeting - July 18, 2021

Timothy Yip is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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