

Church of the Nativity
Minutes of the Vestry
April 18, 2023

Attending: Stephanie Allen, Bill Sena, Beth Crow, Anne Krouse, Allison Martin, Perry Suk, Sarah O'Connor, Eric Knapp, Charles Malone, Ann Stokes – Clerk, Pete Crow, Mike Rahney

The meeting was convened in person at 7:00 pm.
The meeting began with a group reflection of Luke 24:13-35

1. New Business

- a. Pete Crow presented an overview of Braver Angels, an organization that promotes workshops, debates and civil conversations across political divides. He asked that the Vestry agree to Nativity's participation when two representatives, one liberal, one conservative are identified. NC Bishop Sam is encouraging membership in the Braver Network. Anne Krouse moved, Sarah O'Connor seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

2. Old Business

- a. There was discussion of the assigned reading, Vestry Guide, CH4-5. There was interest in a Vestry retreat possibly in September. Topics might include mutual ministry, capital campaign, rebranding.
- b. Approval of March 2023 Meeting Minutes with corrections. Bill Sena moved, Perry Suk seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.
- c. The question of Nativity joining One Wake was presented and favorably reported. Beth Crow moved to join, Bill Sena seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.
- d. The Vestry duty document is complete and added to the shared drive. Thank you to Anne Krouse for updating the document
- e. Sound System fundraising—The kickoff date is June 4. A preliminary announcement will be an article in Glad Tidings. Can online donation be made available? The campaign will close with a September event.

3. Finance Report

Mike Rhaney presented a detailed financial report. He urged the Vestry to be sure committees are notified of their budget lines for this year.

The giving rate is a bit behind, perhaps it would be help to put simple report in Glad Tidings and the Sunday bulletin.

- a. The Rector requested a vote to move 10K from Retained Earnings to the Youth budget to cover shortage from last year's trip, and the cost for the current year trip as was discussed in prior meetings. Charles Malone moved, Beth Crow seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

4. Rector Report

- a. Jeremy is moved in to his office (previously the work room), and is already making progress. Stephanie expressed her gratitude for the Vestry's support during her family emergency
- b. Karen McGugan and Ryan Parker will be ordained on June 3 at Good Shepherd, Raleigh

5. Wardens' Report

- a. Senior

- i. We will continue to explore having Vestry members write or record their positive experience on the Vestry.
 - ii. Carl Siegal will receive an Environmental Award from the Diocese in June.
- b. Junior
 - i. There is a new volunteer who is really anxious to help, and has equipment to do so.
 - ii. Mike MacLochlin is transitioning into leadership of grounds.
 - iii. Another Eagle Scout has been found to do 3 more benches for the memorial garden and materials have been donated.
 - iv. Estill House roof has been repaired—the job was well done.
 - v. There is an upcoming workday—Saturday 4/22, Earth Day
 - vi. Funds have been donated for an AED in Estill House and training was done during last work day.
 - vii. Outstanding projects: fire inspection, outdoor light maintenance, there is a panel on the church roof that needs maintenance

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

On May 2, the Rector received from the Diocese of NC a form for the Vestry to approve Cuyler O'Connor for candidacy to the permanent diaconate. Since the deadline was prior to the next scheduled meeting there was a unanimous vote to approve by email, and a majority of the Vestry signed the recommendation which was returned prior to the deadline.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Stokes
Clerk of the Vestry

The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for May 16, at 7 pm.