

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

Vestry Minutes 3-16-25

Preliminary Remarks:

- We are at quorum
- Welcome Rebecca!
- Roddy Roberts is here to answer questions about the grant that is sponsoring Freedom School.

Opening Prayer

Highs and Lows

Approve minutes

- Approved.

Feedback from Parishioners

Committee Check-ins

- Corinne sent out a google link to vestry, asking to know who the committee chairs are.
 - Ana Sanchez is Formation Chair – Ginny is Formation liaison.
 - Finance Committee has not yet met.

Treasurer's Report (Nancy)

- In addition to the report, vestry will also be receiving a narrative explaining the finances.
- Discussion of restricted funds. Going forward each month: liaisons and their committee chair will get a budget update.
- We have some high account balances. Is it possible to have those in accounts where we might be getting interest?
 - Tom and Nancy will meet with the bank, look at options, sit with Finance Committee for their recommendation, etc.
- Ginny: this would require a vote from the vestry.
 - Susan: I move that Nancy and Tom explore with a bank the options to allocate cash in our accounts for more revenue from interest.
 - Donna: Second.
 - Ginny: Conversation? Questions?
 - Approved. Moved forward.

Matt Mayers: Questions from buildings and grounds

- Any kind of restriction on what the Druga fund can be used for?

- Emphasis on grounds more than building maintenance, classroom materials, etc.
 - Ask Marlene.
 - No other committee should have access to that fund.
- Easy way for buildings and grounds to have access to available earnings from the Moore fund?
 - Discussion of process regarding Moore Fund and oversight committee.
- Large capital expenses
 - We need to re-examine the way we budget for large capital expenses.
- Brief discussion around the process of establishing the budget.
- This will be an old business item on the next agenda.

Old Business: Parochial Report.

- Parochial report: It is required from every church in the United States. It needs to be submitted to the diocesan bishops, and then they submit to the governing body in NY. It includes average Sunday attendance and attendance at Easter and Christmas. This is the first year in five years that they care about online attendance. Our tech is up to speed where we can see that! They also want to know about finances, outreach, and formation. It gathers data from individual churches in dioceses to compare with other dioceses. The year 2024 was the year we were looking at. Based on pledging from years past, money is up!
- This is also how the diocese gauges how much to fund each parish.

The Policy and Procedures Committee is active.

Diocesan Grant Proposal

- Given widespread budget cuts, members of the outreach committee would like to put the grant towards paying salaries of people who do Freedom School work at Old Town Elementary. It will be a one-time offering.
- Vestry asked questions to verify where Freedom School normally receives funding, as well as whether Roddy is open to receiving donated guitars. He said they are purchasing entry level, nylon string guitars.
- The outreach committee is applying for \$67,644
 - This will cover the following fees:: funding for director, coordinator, program needs, etc.
- There will also be the fundraiser on April 29th, and St. Anne's will not have to make up the difference that the diocese will not cover.
- Corinne: I motion to approve Diocesan Grant Request for Freedom Schools.
- Susan: Seconded.

- Proposal approved. Project name: “Roddy’s School of Rock.” Signature of lay warden is still needed.
- Rebecca signed.
- Needs to be in no later than March 28th.

New Business

- Meeting scope, focus, and length
 - Streamline meetings to be an hour to an hour and a half.
 - Proposal: if you have questions ahead of time, reach out to Tom, Corinne, Ginny to prepare ahead of time.
 - The Treasurer’s Report can also be sent out with the agenda.

Exec. Council Discussion

Looking ahead:

- Lenten program on Wednesday nights.
- Holy Week services – Ana, Rebecca, Mary, Kim set to preach.

Next Meeting date: April 27th.