

Minutes from Vestry Meeting: Sunday, July 18, 2021

Attendance at Sunday evening retreat (along with Strategic Planning members):

Father Billy, Ted Canning, Monica Hershberger, Steve Kelly, Andrea Milgate, Liz Porter, Rebecca Rio, Gina Whitcomb, Sandy Wilcox

Items of business:

1. **Travis Prinzi's discernment process.** Moved by Sandy, seconded by Rebecca to recommend Travis for ordination to the priesthood to the Commission on Ministry of the Diocese.
2. **By-laws:** The recommended amendments of the bylaws will be on the agenda for the September Vestry meeting.
3. **Renewal Works:** Billy gave a brief overview of the newly adopted program, which will include 4 workshops and an anonymous parish-wide survey and assessment of parishioners' spiritual habits. Rebecca will be leading this program. Billy will send a link with spiritual growth questions to the Vestry so that members can individually examine their own habits and areas of focus. Rebecca recommends this practice.

Billy, also, referred to the book *Full Spectrum Thinking* which addresses the topic of adapting to a changing world. The church of the 1950's is gone. We are not attempting to recover it; rather, we are pressing on toward the goal of union with God in Christ through deliberate spiritual growth and other-oriented attention. An important component is actively reaching out.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Marylou passed out copies of the regular report and monthly summary. Both are available in the Vestry Folder. Despite some planned draws from the CDA, the account is still good. She explained the Sacred Places grant process, mainly the reasons for our not receiving the grant. There are plans to re-apply in 2023 after the work on the kitchen and undercroft is addressed.
501 (c) 3: Moved by Gina, seconded by Andrea, to go ahead with establishing a Friends of St. Michael's Building Fund as a separate non-profit entity. This does not alter the holdings of the building as owned by the Diocese and held in trust by the people of St. Michael's. Rather, it helps to realize other sources of funding for its historic preservation and communal use.
5. **Amanda and Billy:** At the end of September, Amanda will be having surgery in Madison, Wisconsin, to stop the progression of the Parry-Romberg Syndrome that she has been dealing with for several years. Billy will be gone 3 Sundays in a row, once for the Sewanee parents' weekend with Wyles and 2 in Wisconsin with Amanda. Arranging this surgery with a known specialist greatly eases Amanda's anxiety and provide hope, healing, and an end to the disease.
6. **Chicken BBQ:** After further consideration, it was agreed that we will NOT hold a Labor Day Chicken BBQ for 2021. We will focus our energy on the Yard Sale and making St. Michael's Sunday a true festival for the Village and community.