

A Summary of Vestry Actions taken at the May 12, 2022 Meeting:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Martin McKerrow reported on the March values: "Assets have declined due to the market. What is unusual is that bonds are currently performing poorly too – as are stocks." We are also doing a good job of controlling our expenses.

CAMPUS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Robert Inglis noted that we need to finish re-shingling the rectory roof (started last fall). We need to address the copper roof components, gutters, and roof ridge on the church building. A local roofer will do the slate shingle and roof cap repairs. Bob Felch added that the engineers and preservation consultants "are getting close to defining the needs of the entry stairs, the narthex & interior walls." The Capital Planning Committee will be meeting May 31.

MISSION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dorothy Baker shared that the committee met on Tuesday and ironed out logistics/responsibilities. The Weds. Suppers originally started with the recipients picking up their meals, but that all changed with Covid and now is all delivery and we are in need of additional volunteers & drivers. Meal numbers are expected to go back up to roughly one hundred – thirty-five meals continue to go to A Safe Place and we are trying to increase meals for Fairwinds' clients too. Susan Coffin wondered about St. Paul's hosting a dinner once a week in Gardner Hall, and it was noted that for many years we did do that but after close to ten years, it stopped.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN MINISTRIES

This is about developing strategic goals that "foster wonder with a focus on friendship and funding." Ideas/activities that were mentioned include: bible summer camps; food gatherings; film discussions.

RECTOR'S UPDATE

Max noted it was a wonderful Holy Week and Easter. Lots of folks attended in person and online, and there were 170 people at the Easter service with lots of locals AND children. He is concerned that, "we have a steep road ahead due to so few kids in the church at this time." His goal is to have a children's program going in the Fall. Max and Olly will return from Block Island on his birthday May 24, and will eat Chinese food on the boat! He closed with thanking everyone for their generosity.

WARDEN'S UPDATE

Libby Tracey began "it has been eighteen months that we're into our Vestry family and she expressed how she and Bob appreciate us all so much – it is always great to be with everyone." Lots coming up this summer. Bob Felch mentioned the engineers report about the work that needs to be completed on the Tower and the Narthex. We will get a rough price for the whole project likely in June. He will be meeting with the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) in May to prepare for our grant submission. Bob mentioned we are working on an agreement for Ruth & Tim Pitts to use our kitchen for preparing our "Suppers" meals and offering their Bistro-to-Go meals on two weekend evenings. "We are delighted they can use our space." Max thanked Bob for helping in his absence. Libby asked Lucy if she needed help with the audit. Her response; the same committee will work on this again.