

St James Vestry Minutes September 20,2022

Present- Fr Mac, Billy, Marilyn, Gini, Harvey, Phyllis, Paul, Janice

Opening prayer by Fr Mac.

Rusty not in attendance because of a dental procedure.

We organized the table for an evening of stuffing, addressing, and stamping envelopes for our 2023 Stewardship Campaign. Thanks to Gwen for all the prep work.

Fr Mac updated us on the search for a new administrative assistant. The committee will interview a few candidates this week.

Fr Mac, Marilyn, Gini and Janice will meet on 9/22 at 1pm to discuss new ideas and suggestions about changes to our coffee hour, Sunday morning adult education and hospitality for newcomers.

The vestry stuffed and stamped about 250 envelopes for our 2023 Stewardship Campaign.

Paul reviewed the budget. Paul questioned where the Worship committee funds should go. Fr Mac suggested they should go to Altar Guild. Pastoral Care budget is small and it's mostly stamps. Fr Mac said Yes, we can fund stamps for Pastoral Care out of his discretionary fund.

Office expenses are a little higher on printing. Looking to see if the larger size bulletin is the reason for increase in printing expenses.

For 2023 we discussed adding the Kitchen and The Daughters of the King to the budget. Fr Mac's discretionary account has funded the DoK budget for the past two years. We discussed adding the Kitchen and The DoK to the budget. Perhaps \$1,000 per year(each) for Kitchen and The DoK.

CSS Outreach- discussed reaching out to this group for fundraising.

Fr Mac reviewed his Rectors Report and read a letter from Bishop Hunn. (Letter will be entered in minutes) Fr Mac sent \$10,000 from his discretionary fund to our Rio Grande Borderland ministries to specifically help fund the cost of a chaplain to care for the asylum seekers and to run those ministry programs. Fr Mac raised \$800 from weddings.

Food pantry dinner was a success and we want to do another more formal one this winter. Mac will be out of town for vacation 10/6-10/14.

Fr Mac briefed us about a Land Acknowledgement statement St James is preparing. It recognizes stewardship of Indigenous people and their land. Deacon Jerome has drafted a statement honoring Taos Pueblo. Land Acknowledgement Statements have been prepared at Holy Trinity in Los Alamos and our Cathedral of St John in Albuquerque.