

Vestry Meeting Agenda

Saturday, March 16th, 2026, 7:00 pm

Location: Undercroft

Present: Father Jady Koch, Junior Warden Shelley, Vestryman Timmis, Vestryman Gregg , Vestryman Strickland (acting as secretary), Vestryman Bassett, Vestryman Richardson, Vestryman Green, Sam and Laura Negus, Kimberly More

Meeting with a devotional convened at 7:06

Accept Minutes for last meeting and the annual meeting. Richardson Motion, Strickland Seconded.

Easter: Lots of church services and 15-20 college kids to be confirmed when the bishop comes.

Hillsdale St House: Need someone to move into it, then we can use it. We might have Brad Littlejohn come to give a talk there during his visit after Easter for a soft opening of the house. A plan for furnishing could be for people in the congregation to donate. There is also a master bedroom in the back that could be used as a chapel or for catechesis.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Laura Negus):

The plan is to have an integrated catechesis from cradle to grave catechesis. Laura Negus described the history of CGS and an introduction of what it might look like for our parish. We will start with level 1 (3-7 yrs). It focuses on introducing children to the language of signs. Maya has completed her training. Laura would also like to do training. The sessions could be weekday mornings or early afternoons. Possible Saturday morning, we can discuss all of that.

There is mainly a high initial cost for these works once completed. The cost can be significantly reduced if the people in the parish can make the materials themselves, so the woodworking, paper mache, like clay, these types of things. The church would likely need to designate \$1-2,000 for materials that parishioners do not make or purchase. And then there's a little more about storage and things like this. A stipend for the head catechist would be helpful. We can take a look at that. It looks like Maya estimated \$3000 a year would cover 32 weeks of sessions with three two hour sessions per week at \$15 per hour.

Maya could present the philosophy of CGS to parents, to sort of some sort of parent session, and give, potentially, a sample presentation to get them an idea, a better sense of the method. Maya would like to do a presentation of the Last Supper materials for children and parents during the Holy Week.

Older Catechesis (Sam Negus) (from age 7 on to 15 or so): the general idea here is a three or four year cycle curriculum that is structured on the three things that the baptismal liturgy says are required to bring the child to the bishop for confirmation, which is that that he or she should know the Lord's Prayer, the 10 Commandments, the creed, and anything else necessary for instruction. For most, it will also be tied with being an acolyte and understanding why we do all the ceremonies we do. For girls, it might look like helping with the flower guild, hospitality, etc.

There was some resistance to completely tying it to being an acolyte for the children who might not be comfortable doing that. Maybe even changing the name would do that. The Rose Guild was praised but something like the "Crucifer Guild" would be too connected to actually being a crucifer.

There was also discussion about having the students help out with catechesis of all ages, being mentors to the kids, etc.

Budget:

Current Month

Operating Revenue: 20,437.53
Operating Expenses: (23,062.32)
Operating Profit/(Loss): (2,624.79)

Other Revenue: 2,087.78
Other Expenses: (0)
Other Profit/(Loss): 2,087.78
Net Profit/(Loss): (537.01)

Pledge: 26 pledge total is 207,412 which is, I think, 10,000 less than it was last year.

There was also talk of seeing who we invest in (to be more ethical, if need be)

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm