



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VESTRY

April 21, 2022 at 7 p.m.

[No minutes exist for the February 2022 get-acquainted meeting of the new Vestry, nor for the March 2022 Retreat held by the Vestry in lieu of the regular monthly meeting. Business was not conducted at either of these meetings.]

Present: Brad Linboom (Rector), Jeff Dillon (Warden '23), Jenni Garnett (Warden '24), Paola Arce ('23), Dick Park ('23), Matt Wissman ('24), Julie Bossert ('25), Tom Mendoza ('25), Jim Massie (Treasurer), Terry Hodges (Clerk)

Not Present: Olga Frias-Basta ('24)

B. Linboom called the April 21st regular meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. with a quorum present.

Opening Prayer and Check-In: B. Linboom began with a brief Easter Alleluia! and asked all to share briefly any personal news. He read the collect for Easter Thursday.

Vestry Survey: Wardens J. Dillon and J. Garnett led a discussion of the main themes noted by the Vestry members in their review of the CHN survey responses distributed prior to the meeting. Themes that were prominent included: parish growth, fellowship, service times, Sunday bulletin, communication/transparency (covering weekly email, Vestry minutes sharing), community connection, music program. Members were then asked to focus on three of the themes to create goals. The top three emerging areas of focus were communication/transparency, fellowship, and growth/community connection/evangelism. The Vestry formulated two immediate goals based on these main themes: 1) In the next 30 days, the Vestry will host a Bingo night (May 21 tentative date); 2) Vestry minutes will be sent out to the parish in the week following the monthly meeting. J. Dillon also plans to speak briefly during the Sunday announcement regarding the Vestry actions from this meeting.

Follow-up on Assigned Retreat Tasks: J. Dillon reported on his research for a possible brewery event. J. Garnett provided an update on CHN participation in the Hinsdale July 4th parade and the LaGrange Pet Parade; B. Linboom suggested that she apply for entry in the 4th parade. P. Arce explained her research on CHN T-shirts printing and costs. B. Linboom reported on the parish entry for the Clarendon Hills Daisy Days to be held on Fathers' Day weekend (possibly with identified CHN brown bags for soliciting Pantry food donations). The parish booth would be staffed on the Friday and Saturday of that weekend.

Fund-Raising Event(s): The Rector reminded the Vestry that the 2022 budget revenue includes \$10,000 from fund-raising activities. Vestry members discussed options for an auction apart from a full dinner-dance, but paired with another activity (e.g., musical entertainment). Other fellowship activities will also need to be planned with a fund-raising component.

Staffing Update: A job description for the combined children/youth formation position has been completed and sent to the Diocese. The Rector also has one lead for the open bookkeeping position.

Committee Reports:

- *Rector* – B. Linboom informed the Vestry of the tradition of its members serving as liaisons to the various CHN committees. Vestry members volunteered for the following liaison duties:

Outreach	T. Mendoza (teaming with Deacon S. Siegel-Miller)
Buildings and Grounds	P. Arce and D. Park
Liturgy and Music	J. Bossert
Fellowship	J. Garnett, J. Dillon, and O. Frias-Basta
Christian Ed/Formation	M. Wissman

B. Linboom also provided information on fire safety repairs that must be made after CHN’s recent fire inspection.

- No other committee reports were provided.

Consent Approvals: Upon hearing no objections, B. Linboom declared the minutes of the January 20th Vestry meeting entered into the record as approved and accepted the reports of the Treasurer and Rector for the January meeting record.

- **Minutes:** The January 20, 2022, meeting minutes were previously distributed for review to the Vestry. No corrections were offered.
- **Treasurer’s Report:** J. Massie briefly reviewed his previously-distributed report for March 2022 (based on the new QuickBooks accounting system for CHN finances) and corrected for Vestry members the indicated total cash balance on the report. While revenue for March was under budget, expenses were less than budgeted. The Treasurer noted that the parish’s cash position overall remains strong.
- **Committee Reports:** No written reports were submitted for review and acceptance.

Other Discussion:

With no other discussion topics offered, B. Linboom declared the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Next Regular Vestry Meeting: May 19, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Hodges, Clerk

