

Vestry Minutes – August 11, 2024
Submitted by the Clerk of the Vestry

Members in Attendance

Father Perry Mullins, Rector
Chris Mathew, Sr. Warden (zoom)
Scott Patterson, Jr. Warden
Jackie White, Treasurer
Jamie Stephens, Clerk
FJ Nowak
Ray Murphy
Judy Shaw
Tye Stewart
Todd Snively (zoom)
Courtney Williams

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Sara Hosford
Michelle Hayden
Julia Fox
Katrinka Clark

Members Not in Attendance

Mother Barbara Kelton

Non-Vestry Members in Attendance

Mother Katherine Heitmann
Julia Shahid
Benjamin Gerald

Stewardship Discussion

The question of the timing of stewardship was brought to the vestry by the staff. The initial conversation had to do with the election timing, however, through further research the staff found a number of reasons to consider other timing. The recommendation was for a stewardship season to occur in January-February instead of the fall, noting the preference for a four-week program length. Fr. Perry said that this could mean swapping the time with the Annual Parish Meeting. This would allow new vestry members to interact with outgoing vestry members and ease into the process. There was a lot of excitement around this swap, especially around a fall annual meeting. Fr. Perry noted that we should not make a change this drastic because of a timing issue in a single year, and that if we make the change, we should intend for it to be permanent - though changes can always be made.

The vestry discussed, creating a cost/benefit list for each option:

- Change Cost: Harvest mentality, post Christmas, creatures of habit, tax time, hard to come back from, separate stewardship from fiscal year
- Change Benefit: Clarity of assets, starting new, attendance in church is increased, staff energy, post election, less distraction, epiphany theology

Todd Snively moved the approval of a January Stewardship and Fall Annual Meeting, intended to be a permanent change moving forward. Chris Mathew seconded the motion. The vestry voted in favor, with one opposed.

A motion to adjourn by Scott Patterson, seconded by Courtney Williams, was unanimously approved.

Approved:

Date: 8-28-24

Signed: 
Jamie Stephens, Clerk