

**Vestry Meeting**  
St. Francis By the Sea Episcopal Church  
June 21, 2023

Bill Gould, Junior Warden Prudy Heilner, Treasurer Kevin Hunt, Senior Warden Milissa Lalonde, Kate Mulrenin, and Clerk Chris Ramsay were present.

Nathaniel Boëchat, Dennis DeSilvey and Fr. Allan Sandlin were present via Zoom.

Heather Ford and Tyler Knowles were absent.

Allan opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m. with a prayer, then spoke briefly about his second ministry at St. Francis which will conclude with the last Sunday in June.

The Minutes from the May 17 Vestry meeting were approved unanimously.

Kevin gave the Treasurer's Report.

Pledge income was a little under budget for the month, but not enough to be concerning.

On the Revenue and Expense Report, of the \$2,322 listed under "All Other Revenue," \$2,050 was an anonymous donation to cover most of the Altar Supplies listed under "Operating Expenses."

Regarding the \$230,000 invested through Bar Harbor and Charles Schwab, interest income will be reported to us every six months, so the balance sheet will not reflect accrued interest monthly. (He was told informally that \$2,831 in interest has accrued in the past two months, but this can't be recorded in the financials.)

Ray Yardy's and Ralph Topham's names were signatories on the other Schwab account (formerly TD Ameritrade) because they were on the Vestry when it was established. Kevin has spoken with them and they've asked for their names to be removed, which will leave Kevin as the sole person associated with this account. Another person should be identified and approved as a signatory by the Vestry.

One thousand dollars was received from the Liros Gallery, and was deposited to the Memorial Fund.

Kate moved that we remove Allan Sandlin's name from the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Bill seconded, and it passed unanimously.

An anonymous donation will be made to cover the cost of painting the church doors red.

Discernment Committee

Kate read the finished responses to the list of questions provided by Diocese. These responses will be posted on the Diocesan website to describe St. Francis to prospective candidates for Rector. This information was gleaned and distilled from the congregation's responses to written questionnaires as well as this spring's all-church meeting at which these questions were discussed.

The Vestry expressed admiration of her work distilling and writing these responses. Dennis asked if she would send a copy to everyone on the Vestry; Kate promised to do so.

Senior Warden's Report

Stewardship and Planned Giving

Anne and Peter Gilchrist are willing to chair the Stewardship campaign. They'd like someone to work with for discussion, ideas, and suggestions.

Dennis expressed interest in taking over leadership of Planned Giving; he and Milissa will talk about it.

It would probably be good to separate the Planned Giving and Stewardship campaigns, so we're not asking people to consider both at. Perhaps Planned Giving could concentrate more in the fall or winter.

Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee needs to identify candidates for  
Two Vestry members (Chris is willing to serve a second term)  
Delegates and Alternates for the Diocesan Convention  
Stewardship Chair(s)  
Planned Giving Chair(s)

Heather, Nathaniel, Milissa, and two members of the congregation should serve on this Nominating Committee.

Prudy Heilner will remind everyone to complete Safe Church training.

The church doors will be (professionally) painted red.

The Bishop has sent us a flag that can be used in any manner the church decides.

Dates

Blue Hill Bach will be at St. Francis on Wednesday, July 19, and we'll need someone from the church to be on site as well. Kate said she'd be able to do this.

Tracy Hair from H.O.M.E. will preach at St. Francis on Sunday, July 30.

Brinley Hall's funeral will be at St. Francis on Wednesday, August 30. Andy Stoessel will officiate.

The next Vestry meeting will be on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Ramsay, Clerk