

Vestry Meeting
St. Francis By-the-Sea Episcopal Church
April 20, 2022

Present via Zoom were Nathaniel Boëchat, Tyler Knowles, Senior Warden Milissa LaLonde, Kate Mulrenin, and Clerk Chris Ramsay. Junior Warden Sarah Everdell, Treasurer Kevin Hunt, Heather Ford, Bill Gould, Fr. Brent Was, and Lynne Yurosko were absent.

Milissa opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with a prayer.

The Vestry voted to accept the **minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting.**

Milissa reported that Kevin has asked the Vestry for permission to renew a Bar Harbor Banking & Trust CD for \$125,000 which is coming to the end of its life. The Vestry approved this.

Brent is out on short-term disability (effective February 21, 2022), which can continue for a maximum of 26 weeks. The end date was originally given as the end of April, and needs to be extended. As his health Ambassador, Kevin has asked the Vestry for permission to **extend Brent's short-term disability by two months to the end of July.** The Vestry approved this.

Meals for the Was family are deeply appreciated and should continue. This will be announced in eClare, and will be organized through Barbara. Meals need to be delivered to a large cooler at the end of their driveway, and left in containers that do not need to be returned.

Helen Weinland's funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 14 at 10 a.m. Allan Sandlin will officiate. Milissa will arrive early to open windows and get fans going.

Fund-raising ideas:

More formal **Gourmet Dinners** will be offered this summer, asking \$25-30 per person for a really nice meal. Three events are being considered – two dinners and one evening of desserts only – in June-July-August or July-August-September. Milissa and Lynne will do the two dinners, with other helpers. Lynne is working with Tyler on a schedule. Participants will have to be vaccinated.

A **Race** has been suggested, but it might better a project for the fall. Kate would need support from people in the community.

A **Mini St. Francis Fair**, involving selling books and a few tables of Junque for Jesus was discussed. This would involve loads of organizing and work. Challenges would include parking, organizing & storage of heavy books, and disposal of stuff afterward. Not this year. We might put out a message to see who is interested in working on a Mini Fair, asking people to come to a meeting in person and on Zoom, to see if enough interested is expressed.

We discussed ways in which to offer **Prayers for Ukraine.**

Milissa has spoken to the prayer group.

Possibilities include:

A one-time hour-long service, or an open-house type of a vigil running several hours. This might include a minister or another person coming in do something a little more formal on the hour.

Our bell tolling at a certain time for a week, and ask people to stop to meditate for a time.

A one-time twenty or thirty minute service in the Blue Hill Town Park, much like we did before the campaign.

Lisa Durkee at the Congregational Church told Milissa that they offer a prayer time for Ukraine every Sunday afternoon.

Wednesday Seekers will be on hold for awhile, as will **Coffee Hour**.

Looking ahead, it might be nice to have an event to celebrate when Brent returns, and possibly another celebration to honor the supply priests whose help has been helping to see us through.

The **Outreach Committee** had a guest speaker, Jessica Valdez, who under the auspices of Community Compass have a grassroots “Hands of Hope” program supporting homeless teens and young people in the peninsula area. Sometimes these are people in high school; sometimes 18-24 year old young people who have aged out of foster care. One thing they’re doing is supplying backpacks filled with personal care essentials for young people who appear with nothing; another is building tiny houses for young people to utilize for temporary transitional housing.

The **Building and Grounds Committee** is setting up a Spring Cleanup time, probably at the end of May or beginning of June.

Milissa plans to meet with Brent tomorrow (April 21).

The next Vestry meeting will be on Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m., and will be Zoom only.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Ramsay, Clerk