

In attendance: Hannah Harris, Randy Smith, Susan Kelley, Scott Beaver, Jim Ingram, Emily Jividen, Robert Joines, Lillis Ward, Yvette Smith, Bill Sena, Rev. Grey Maggiano.

Call to Order (Hannah Harris): 7:01 pm

Bible Study (Rev. Grey): Reverend Grey read two prayers from a book of Celtic Prayers for our reflection.

Approval of March Meeting Minutes: Hannah Harris moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting and Scott Beaver seconded the Motion. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved.

Reports

- **Bylaws (Hannah Harris):** Hannah reported that the Bylaws Team has met and started work on the bylaws. They will have a follow up meeting in May and hope to have something for the Vestry to review by the end of summer. Once the proposed bylaws are accepted by the Vestry, they will be sent to the Diocese for approval
- **Easement (Scott Beaver):** Scott reported that he has had preliminary email discussions with Dave McKinnon and Dee Wallis . They hope to have an in-person meeting when Dave gets back from his trip. Scott is currently reviewing the existing documents to see what we have.
- **Newcomers (Lillis Ward):** May 3rd is the next scheduled Newcomer's Brunch. The Vestry is invited and encouraged to attend. There was some discussion about how to handle our difficulty in identifying the newcomers.
- **Senior Support (Jim Ingram):** Jim reported that there hasn't been any progress on this yet, but he's planning to contact George soon.
- **Financials (Bill Sena):** Bill reported that we have assets of \$134,000 in our money market account, and \$64,000 in checking. With regard to debt, we have \$3700 in outstanding credit card debt in addition to our loans. We had the best 1st quarter in years in terms of income and our expenses are on target. There was some discussion of our power bills, which are \$2,000 over budget for the quarter, the reason for the overage and what might be done going forward. Additionally, there was discussion of signatures on the various accounts and that we will need to have a vote of the Vestry with regard to the signatures on the main account at Truist at some point in the future. This could be an email vote.

Old Business

- **Spring Fest (Hannah Harris):** Rev. Grey suggested bundling Spring Fest with Graduation Sunday (June 7th) and holding it that afternoon starting after the 10:30 service. The idea being that many families will already be coming to this service and would hopefully stay to celebrate with Spring Fest. After a brief discussion, the Vestry agreed with this timing, so Hannah will move forward with this date.

New Business

- **Annual Meeting Discussion (Rev. Grey):** Rev. Grey raised the proposal to change the annual meeting from November to January. If we were to do this, the 2026 annual meeting would be in November simply to vote on the by-laws, which would contain this change, then the 2027 annual meeting would be in January to elect the Vestry and approve the budget. A Vestry member's term would run from annual meeting to annual meeting.
- **Building & Grounds Fundraising (Randy Smith):** Randy reported that he and the Building and Grounds Team are preparing a list of repair projects with pricing from quotes, which will be ranked by priority. He will submit this to the Vestry once it is complete for consideration of a fund drive due to anticipated costs. For example, the first quote he has gotten for paving the driveway and parking lot is about \$36,000.
- **Mutual Ministry Review (Rev. Grey):** This would basically be a review of Grey's performance and should be conducted every 2-3 years. The review would reflect on Grey's time at Nativity so far, what's going well, what's not going well, things that might be changed, and how to move forward. The Diocese would facilitate this with some members of the Vestry and perhaps some members of the congregation. Hannah and Scott will work on this.
- **SUSO Statement (Rev. Grey):** Nativity is being asked by SUSO to sign onto a statement regarding ICE detention centers and offices expansion. The Bishop has already signed onto this and after some discussion, Hannah move to approve our signing the statement. Jim seconded her motion and it was approved by a vote of the Vestry.
- **Ushers and Fellowship (Yvette Smith):** Sheila Knapp has announced that she is stepping down as Fellowship Coordinator. It is understood that there are people already signed up to provide the fellowship, they just need a coordinator. We also need ushers for the 10:30 service. Rev. Grey will announce this need on Sundays. It was pointed out that the links to sign up to usher or provide fellowship were hard to find on the Nativity website and need to be made more prominent.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

The May Meeting will be held on: May 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Estill House conference room.