

**Vestry Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 23, 2022**  
**Calvary Episcopal Church**  
**Great Hall – 5:30 pm**

**Attendees: Scott, Anna Kathryn, Will, Greta, Elizabeth, Cathy, Katherine, David, Jerry, Len, Paul, Zach, Ben, Seve Smith, Youth Representatives Brennan Seltzer and Chloe Madden, Madge**

**Opening Prayer – Greta Cooper Young –**

Prayer of Jabez

*Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, “Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.” And God granted his request.*

**Reminder of Prayer Leaders for the remainder of 2022**

- September – Elizabeth Crosby
- October – Len Grice
- November – Jerry Scruggs
- December – Ben Boeving

**Introduction of Vestry’s Youth Representatives**

**Zach Ferguson**

- **Brennan Seltzer** – a Junior at St. Mary’s, where she is editor of the school newspaper; Happening Leadership; Eucharistic Minister; Acolyte, and active in EYC
- **Chloe Madden** – a Junior at St. Mary’s, where she is a member of the Lacrosse Team; Happening Staff for September 2022 Happening; Eucharistic Minister; Acolyte, and active in EYC

**Community Outreach Overview**

**Christine Todd**

- PowerPoint Presentation overviewing Community Outreach activities and opportunities
- Donation opportunities: toiletries, shoes from Fleet Feet, Dental toothbrush supplies
- Basement Church – 175 + neighbors experiencing homelessness - each and every Sunday; focus on Making God’s Love Visible in Downtown Memphis, and on serving our neighbors
- Volunteer opportunities: organizing clothes in the Clothes Closet; helping Mary in the Kitchen; Soup Sunday coming back in September (making soup on Saturday for sale on Sunday) – proceeds go to purchase of toothbrushes
- Lunch Buddy with Grizzlies Prep students - - - Once a week; 25 minutes; meet with 2 boys at a time
- The Emmanuel Meal: This is Leslie Smith’s last year (after many years) to co-chair the Emmanuel Meal - - - There are lots of support committees . . . Monday before Christmas
- Join the Pride Initiative . . . June 1 – 4, 2023
- Lives Worth Saving – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday monthly - - -also - - - Thistle and Bee (Madge & Whit Deacon)
- Support AA Ministries . . . Robert Irby . . . 4 days a week at noon
- Room in the Inn: at the Welcome Inn (formerly Hospitality Hub) . . . Betty Jo and Terry Dulaney; Richard Hendrix; Richard M . . . eager to involve other faith groups . . . need volunteers once a month
- Computer Needs & Forms . . . Basement Church . . . bring your laptop to help neighbors with a host of different forms, SS benefits, filing for VA benefits, food stamps, etc.

- MICAH (Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope) . . . focus on Education, Race & Class Equity, and/or Economic Equity . . . attend a meeting and share with info with the Calvary family
- Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America . . . Anna Kathryn is one of the local leaders . . . Attend a Meeting; keep Calvary aware
- Help In Person: A load of laundry for those in need . . . Welcome Inn will soon have washers and dryers
- Helping from home: bake cornbread for the Emmanuel Meal; Keep up with needs via Calvary Works FB page; pray for our neighbors; Make food for our neighbors
- Sponsoring Alley Music: musicians for Basement Church on Sunday mornings
- Knitting Ministry – knitting neck & hand warmers and scarves for homeless neighbors
- Friends of the Mental Health Court – Tuesdays – befriending those who are the Mental Health Court System
- Ask friends for reading glasses; rolling suitcases, duffle bags; books; tote bags, etc.
- Other Initiatives: MIFA, Memphis Union Mission, Restore Corps, Room in the Inn, Goodwill, Creative Aging, Alpha Omega, and more
- Add Calvary to your Kroger Rewards Program

### **Approval of July Meeting Minutes**

Posted to Basecamp August 18th

**Scott / Anna Kathryn**

- Jerry and Anna Kathryn moved approval; unanimous

### **Financial Report**

**Erik / Steve**

- Highlights given by Steve:
  - Good Month!
  - Balance Sheet Approximately \$650k . . . Question: how can these funds be used? . . . Some is being used for the Welcome Inn . . . Can any of this be used for Capital Campaign? . . . Grizzlies Prep loan will be paid off in October
  - We have a \$500k line of credit
  - Way ahead on pledge payments - - - that will come down at some point
  - Pretty much on budget across the board
  - Audit draft has been given to Steve; Finalized report will be given to Vestry

Will and AK moved approval; Unanimously approved

### **Rector's Report**

**Scott**

- 1. Nominations for New Vestry Class**
  - a. Wardens Committee will be accepting nominations and reviewing potential candidates
  - b. Candidates will be sought who represent all ages and aspects of the congregation
- 2. Required Safety Training for Vestry & Required Vestry Approval for Offsite Youth Gatherings**
  - a. National Church has changed the Safe Church Training

- b. Two-hour training – suggestion that participants take / retake training every three years
- c. Simple practices to make us aware of our surroundings
- d. Vestry will have access to online training soon

**3. Capital Campaign & Master Plan Updates**

- a. Multiple groups involved in a host of activities associated with the campaign
- b. Consultants say we are meeting and exceeding all goals at this point
- c. Ben suggested posting Christine Todd's presentation online, so congregation becomes aware of ALL of Calvary's ministries
- d. Also suggested we do continuous online awareness talking points
- e. Discussion of Vestry making pledges in advance of Campaign kick-off so we can say 100% Vestry involvement

**4. Calvary Block Updates: Lawyer's Office**

- a. Recording engineer has bought the Lawyer's Office
- b. Helps musicians get their royalties
- c. Is excited about all Calvary is doing and wants to be involved . . . Will be a good partner and neighbor

**Adjourn 6:48pm**

**REMINDER: Vestry Meeting Dates for Remainder of the Year: September 20<sup>th</sup>; October 18<sup>th</sup>; November 15<sup>th</sup>; December 20<sup>th</sup>**

Respectfully submitted,

Madge Logan Deacon  
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**Vestry Shared Values**

**Caring for All**

**Vibrancy**

**Courage**

**Heritage**