

**Vestry Meeting
April 30, 2014**

Members Present: Ellen Ball, Larry Bennett, Betty Culley, Mark Kussmaul, Kim Roberts, Meegan Reidy, Harry Siamas, Debbie Swanson, Cindy Turner, and Rev. Jan Oller

Others Present: John Culley

Rev. Jan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The **minutes** from the March Vestry meeting were reviewed. Debbie Swanson moved to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mark Kussmaul. The March minutes were approved as presented.

John Culley reported on the **financials**. Overall we are still in good shape, however, pledge payments are running slightly behind. Nothing to be concerned about at this time. Motion to approve the financial reports was made by Meegan Reidy and second by Larry Bennett. Financials were accepted.

Liaison Reports: (Copied from e mail reports)

Easter Brunch was a wonderful event, enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Claude Johnson, who provided champagne to help us celebrate this special day. Thank you also to all who helped set up and clean up afterwards.

We had a delightful reception last Sunday in honor of Sam Vaught, who was recently confirmed. Thank you to all who attended and helped with this event as well.

**Meegan Reidy
St. Martha's & St. Andrew's Guild**

Outreach is busy on many fronts. The big news last Sunday was that we received a Diocesan check for \$1,500 for Foodfinders this summer, thanks to the application from Helen Hudson. Pathways lunches are concluded, of course. I'm not sure what came of Sole Hope. Contributions to FISH continue regularly. There are still (?) pins available for South Sudan.

Upcoming plans include:

- Foodfinders visits on 7/29 (Wingate) and 12/15 (4-H grounds).
- Dancing with the stars, for which St. John's is sponsoring a table.
- Plans for a St. John's children's booth at the Strawberry Festival in June (money to go to the Free Clinic for children's needs)
- Treasures and Trivia. Chas seems eager to undertake this again, but needs a second-in-charge. Has he found someone?

Larry Bennett

The new **Altar Guild** schedule for the period of May 24 to October 10, 2014, was sent by e-mail and postal mail to all Altar Guild members and the church office on April 16. A copy will be posted in the sacristy.

In early April, Carole Meyer and Betty Culley culled the LEM and acolyte robes in the sacristy by size and condition in preparation for the Easter season. Those remaining in the closet were washed and rehung by size.

**Betty Culley, Chairperson
Altar Guild**

Children's education report:

Children's education will continue until Memorial day. Vacation Bible School, combined with the Presbyterian Church will be early in June. All are welcome.

Ellen Ball

Ellen also reported that Children's Education will end the week-end prior to Memorial Day. She also gave a brief description of Sole Hope, the charity to which the children have been donating their time, talent and treasure.

Property - All work from the recent water damage has been completed. A huge debt of gratitude is owed to Sam Hildebrand for acting as the church's general contractor and ensuring that the work proceeded so smoothly. On April 17th, a meeting was held with the fire Inspector. We discussed emergency procedures and should develop some policies to ensure the safety of all who use the building. Today, 4-30-14, the elevator was serviced and in October will be serviced/inspected so that we remain in compliance with the state. On May 8th, Arab Pest Control will do their annual inspection for termites and treat the exterior perimeter for any potential pests. Remember it is important to not leave food out anywhere in the building so that we may continue to be pest free. Jim Suren will be servicing our air conditioning units this next month so that we are summer ready.

Debbie Swanson

In addition to her e mailed report, per our March discussion regarding the hiring of parishioners for work on the church, Debbie made a motion that we pay an assistant to assist Jim Suren in work he will be doing on the roof as he works on the air conditioning units. Ellen Ball seconded the motion an approval was granted.

Wardens' Concerns: None at this time

Rev. Jan reported that the community Strawberry Festival service will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 15th this year to more easily coincide with a Gospel group who will be providing entertainment on Sunday afternoon. A Breakfast at the Shore service may take place in July or August. Details yet to be determined.

Old Business: BHAGs (Big Hairy Audacious Goals) Each vestry member was asked to sign up for one of the parish meetings which will take place May 5, May 14, and May 20. We will be asking each parishioner to reflect on what matters to them, what goals would they like to see accomplished (no matter how out there!) and discussing the importance of planned giving.

Jan passed out revised brochures about St. John's (the original was used in our Rector Search) which will be put into the Dancing with the Stars gift bags. Chas has taken them over to the YSB. We would like to use these in August at the big event at Tom's Marine. If any changes need to be made before then, please let Rev. Jan know.

Whistleblower Policy: A first reading of the new policy took place. Betty Culley suggested adding the web address for the Diocesan personnel policy and a couple of wording changes. Rev. Jan will make changes and distribute to vestry for review. A second reading will take place at the May Vestry meeting.

New Business: Rev. Jan passed around a copy of the **Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs** provided by the Episcopal Church. She suggested that we follow the guidelines. Everyone agreed that this was a good idea.

On May 14th, Rev. Jan will join other Crawfordsville clergy to discuss what can be done to address reported bullying by some young people towards those from other faith traditions. It has allegedly been directed most predominantly towards Roman Catholic youth.

Rev. Jan will also be joining other clergy in composing prayers for the Journal Review newspaper.

Each vestry member received a copy of RESPECT guidelines. These are guidelines for interaction during meetings and discussions. We will also be using these during our current Adult Ed series.

Larry Bennett asked about the current situation in Bor and Sudan. As we pray for them each Sunday, details on the situation are regularly updated on the Diocesan website: indydio.org.

Our next vestry meeting will be May 21st at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Canon Bruce Gray will be joining us for our Mutual Ministry Review. We will be focusing on how we are "welcoming to newcomers."

After a brief discussion on the vestry's ideas for long term goals/dreams for St. John's, Ellen Ball made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Betty Culley. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Roberts, Clerk of the Vestry