

**Vestry Meeting
August 20, 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

Members Absent: None

Rev. Jan called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Rev. Jan had asked the vestry to read an article about volunteers prior to our meeting and to reflect on its contents. We had a brief discussion on the frustration that many of us have experienced when people say they want to emphasize certain programs and yet no one wants to actually volunteer to do the work. For our parish, the children's program is one such example. This will continue to be an area of discernment for us. Sunday School will begin for adults and children on September 7.

The **minutes** from the July 16, 2014 vestry meeting were reviewed. A correction was made to the Outreach report. The word "chairs" was changed to "tables" in a question asked by Kim Roberts. After correction Harry Siamas moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The **financial reports** were reviewed. A brief discussion followed regarding the importance of budgeting realistically. Betty Culley moved to accept the financial reports and Mark Kussmaul was the second. The financial reports were accepted.

Liaison Reports

Outreach:

It's been a busy summer for outreach.

- The proceeds from the Strawberry Festival were given to the Nourish program. In case you missed the picture of Ellen Ball in the Journal Review, presenting a check for \$234, you can see it on the bulletin board as soon as you enter Whitlock Hall.
- The summer lunch program, led by Jane Gallagher, fed 65 youngsters over three days (July 8-10).
- Treasures and Trivia, led by Chas Cooksey, seems to have been a big success, thanks to the items given by St. John's parishioners. Proceeds were given to Pam's Promise Homeless Mission and the Montgomery County Free Clinic. I don't know the amounts.
- Food Finders, led by Helen Hudson in Wingate, also seems to have gone well (wish I could have been there).

The August project, "Outies and Undies," is also going well. And several people have volunteered to be present at the St. John's table for BashStock at Wabash College. We made it just under the wire! Larry Bennett

*The following emails were sent in response to Larry's initial report:

Sorry, Larry, nothing went to Pam's Promise because they furnished no helpers.
John Culley

Thanks,, John. That's what happens when you go on vacation!
Larry

Parish Life will be sponsoring an outing to an Indy Eleven soccer match on October 11. Susan Albrecht will be posting a flyer at church with details. Waycross Family Camp weekend is coming up on September 12-14. A sign up sheet will be available this weekend (online and at church). Folks are encouraged to come down for any or all of the weekend.
Kim Roberts

The **Adult Ed** group (Helen Hudson, Jim Suren, and Will Turner) has met a number of times. The following is a schedule for the fall. It will begin on 9/7. The actual presenters are still being identified.

7-Sep Lives of Great Christians-What Makes a Great Christian
DVD
12-Sep Lives of Great Christians
DVD
19-Sep Lives of Great Christians
DVD
26-Sep Music and Episcopal Worship
5-Oct Bible Stories and Lessons
DVD
12-Oct Bible Stories and Lessons
DVD
19-Oct Music and Episcopal Worship
26-Oct Holy Currencies (post Diocesan Convention)-Introduction
speaker
2-Nov Bible Stories and Lessons
DVD
9-Nov Bible Stories and Lessons
DVD
16-Nov Lives of Great Christians: St. Francis & Pope Francis
Dr. Bill Cook Speaker
23-Nov Music and Episcopal Worship - Getting Ready for Advent
Speaker
30-Nov Bible Stories and Lessons: Gospel of Mark (Year B starts)
Jan Oller Speaker
7-Dec Bible Stories and Lessons: Gospel of Mark
Jan Oller Speaker
14-Dec Holy Currencies (Part 2)

Speaker

21-Dec Music and Episcopal Worship (Christmas)

Speaker

Mark Kussmaul

Gratitude: They are getting a committee together at this time.

Cindy Turner

Altar Guild member teams continue with their weekly duties in preparing for St. John's worship services.

Betty

Property: Our annual elevator inspection was completed on 7-17. We are now in compliance with the Dept of Homeland Security. A meeting was held with the Sextons on Friday, July 25th. It was learned that they have been completing tasks not in the job description and they will now clean the altar area which they had previously been told they were not to clean. On Wednesday, Rev. Jan and Debbie Swanson met with Tom Mitner of Church Insurance. He completed a walk thru of the property and was pleased with the condition of our facilities. This is an every three year service provided by Church Ins. His recommendations will be mailed. Contact was made with Mity Lite the company which Wabash College has used to purchase tables. That information will be shared at this vestry meeting. On Thursday, 8-28, Jamie Menard will be spot cleaning the foyer carpet and sealing/waxing the floor in the kitchen. This is anticipated to take less than a full day.

Debbie Swanson

*(Addition from Rev Jan: floors will be done next week. Signs will be posted on day(s) when kitchen will not be available. Thanks to Debbie Swanson for arranging with Jamie Menard.)

St. Martha's & St. Andrew's Guild

A HUGE thank you to Carole Meyer, who helped give the kitchen a thorough cleaning, top to bottom and inside out! There has been some discussion about stripping, resealing, and waxing the kitchen floor. More about that as plans become reality.

Meegan Reidy

Children's education is trialing a new curriculum, "Jesus Story Book Bible"

It is a complete curriculum which is easy to follow. It has 44 separate lessons and can easily last 2 years.

A few teachers are lined up, but there are openings to fill.

The classroom needs some work before Children's ed begins.

Ellen Ball

Old Business: There were baseball cards left from Treasures and Trivia. They were returned to their owner who verified that they had no value.

Rev. Jan reported that St. John's declined being a Red Cross Disaster Site. Our building does not meet their criteria.

BHAG (Big, Huge, Audacious, Goals) Update: College Ministry continues to grow. Sam Vaught is the student liaison at Wabash College who is leading Morning Prayer with the help of Dan Rogers (faculty advisor and former parishioner). They will meet each class morning in the chapel in Center Hall at 8:00 am. Everyone is welcome. A portion of the Wabash Glee Club will be singing at the 10:30 service on All Saints Sunday. Rev. Jan will continue her participation in the Tuesday Chapel programs.

Chris Short has suggested that the Outreach committee utilize our Shrove Tuesday gathering as a broader community outreach.

Rev. Jan has submitted the Pike Street Apartments as a possible location for the expansion of Episcopal Retirement Homes in Indiana. They are looking for possibilities to expand their low income, affordable housing.

New Business: None

Larry Bennett made a motion to adjourn. Cindy Turner seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Roberts
Clerk of the Vestry