

**Vestry Meeting
September 17, 2014**

Members Present: Ellen Ball, Larry Bennett, Kim Roberts, Harry Siamas, Debbie Swanson, Cindy Turner and Rev. Jan Oller

Members Absent: Betty Culley, Mark Kussmaul, Meegan Reidy

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Jan with prayer at 7:00 p.m.

The vestry began with a brief discussion on an article regarding church attendance. We talked about how important it is for our church family to regularly attend Sunday services. We all agreed that regular attendance help keep people engaged with the church and it's mission.

Kim Roberts presented the **August Minutes** for acceptance. Harry Siamas made the motion to accept and Debbie Swanson was the second. Motion carried.

The **Financial statements** were reviewed. John Culley was unable to attend and there was a question regarding a youth ministry line item. It was thought that it may have been put in Adult Christian Education by mistake. We will check with John to see if this needs to be corrected. Larry Bennett made the motion to accept the financial reports. Debbie Swanson was the second. Motion carried.

Liaison Reports (via e-mail)

Building and Grounds: The kitchen floor has been professionally cleaned/sealed and waxed and the grease or oil stains were removed from the foyer carpet. A list of recommendations was received from Church Insurance following their courtesy visit. Jackson Albrecht has agreed to create a video inventory and will begin this project within the next two weeks. Bright tape has been placed at the top of the exterior 'down' staircases. A cardboard box of used florescent bulbs was moved from the boiler room, removing the only flammable item from that area. In response to the question posed at a previous vestry meeting, the work which was recommended and approved last fall has been largely completed. The items from that list to be completed can and will be completed by building and grounds members. They are sealant on flat roof area at north side of the church, repair/patching of concrete at the from stairway railing and sacristy door, at replacement of a trim piece at the northwest corner pillar.

In addition to the e-mail, Debbie reported that a television that was no longer working had been removed and another television that was in the basement had been hooked up for use in children's Christian Education. Rev. Jan also told us that Episcopal Retirement Homes have been alerted that a good portion of E. Pike street is for sale between Green St. and Water St.

It was also decided that any conversation regarding the insurance company recommendations for Wheat House would be postponed until October.

Altar Guild members received their new assignment schedule for the coming months.

It covers the period of time from October 11 to February 27, 2015. The last Sunday

listed on the schedule is February 22, 2015, the first Sunday in Lent.

Betty Culley

The **Gratitude Team** has met and is very busy these next two weeks redoing the brochure, running off Waling the Walk inserts for bulletins, redesigning the pledge card, and writing a letter to all parishioners. Kickoff will be Sunday, October 5. The parish will see signs soon. Any questions, contact Helen.

Cindy Turner

Children's education is staffed and lessons are planned out until the end of the year.

It is organized in a way that will be easy for the new coordinator to take over.

We'd like to thank Jan for being with the children Sept 14, parents were heard to say that it made the children to feel important to have the priest with them.

Ellen Ball

The kitchen floor has been professionally cleaned and waxed and looks wonderful. I am unaware of any other updates for **St. Martha's & St. Andrew's Guild**.

Meegan Reidy

Outreach activities:

August - Undies and Outies (thank you, Carrie)

Bashstock at Wabash on Sat., August 11. Chris Short, Helen Hudson, and Sheila Evans joined me at the

table at the community fair. Two Wabash students attended an 8:00 a.m. service the following Sunday

Crop Walk is coming in October

Larry Bennett

Wardens: No report

Old Business: Larry Bennett inquired about the status of new tables for Whitlock Hall. Debbie Swanson said that they have not been ordered yet and she is continuing to investigate possibilities.

New Business: Upcoming events include a Travelogue evening and the Blessing of the Animals. On November 2, sixteen members of the Wabash Glee Club will be joining us and singing at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Abby Twarek made a request for financial support for her upcoming work in China.

It was decided to postpone discussion until we had a quorum. Ellen Ball had to leave early and so only five vestry members were present.

A motion was made to adjourn by Cindy Turner. The second was made by Harry Siamas. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.