

**Vestry Meeting  
October 15, 2014**

**Members Present:** Ellen Ball, Larry Bennett, Mark Kusssmaul, Kim Roberts, Meegan Reidy, Harry Siamas, Debbie Swanson and Rev. Jan Oller

**Members Absent:** Betty Culley and Cindy Turner

Rev. Jan called the meeting to order with prayer at 7:02 p.m.

The Vestry had a brief reflection and discussion about the mission of St. John's both inside and outside our walls using Galatians 6:10 and Matthew 19:21 as a springboard. We also talked about how the answers to that question are reflected in our budget.

The **minutes** from the September 2014 meeting were reviewed. Harry Siamas made a motion to accept and Ellen Ball was the second. The minutes were accepted as presented.

In John Culley's absence, Rev. Jan presented the most recent **financial reports**. Rev. Jan made a motion to accept and Larry Bennett was the second. The financial reports were accepted.

Rev. Jan asked that the vestry reaffirm their decision to grant a request from Abby Twarek of financial support for her upcoming work in China. The decision was made during a special session of the vestry on October 8, 2014. That decision was reported back to Abby as follows:

"Dear Abby:

The Vestry of St. John's has voted to support your time in China as follows: We will contribute \$100 per month for up to 12 months, starting when you depart for China.

We expect a report at least quarterly while the support is continuing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Thank you and blessings on your plans and actions."

The motion to reaffirm the vestry decision was made by Kim Roberts and the second was Debbie Swanson. Decision was reaffirmed.

**Liaison Reports:** (via e-mail)

**Building and Grounds:** Episcopal Retirement Homes has toured the apt. building next to St. Johns and parishioners have toured the Mylar(Elks) building and Iron Gate II(Moehlings). I met with Sam Hildebrand to review the project list from 2013. Due to the arrival of fall, projects not yet completed, patching of concrete, installation of steel exterior door from lower level childrens area and replacement of exterior trim will probably wait til 2015 and have no cost to the parish. Gary Isenburg will be applying the sealant to the flat roof area when he is

using the same materials for another local project(cost \$200). Planned projects for 2015 include replacement of the front entry doors(cost est. \$1500-2000). Vast Electronics has been contacted concerning the addition of speakers in the front of the church and will be providing an estimate. They are also repairing a portion of the sound system at this time.

Debbie Swanson added to her e-mailed report that the Wheat House boiler had gone out. The Youth Service Bureau is taking care of the cost of the repair.

The **Liturgical Committee** met on Sunday, September 28, after church. We reviewed the services of the Easter season and made preparations for November and December services (Advent). We planned for the Christmas services.

Bishop Waynick will visit St. John's on January 4, 2015.

Betty Culley, Altar Guild Chairperson

The **adult education** program is progressing, and it is my understanding all of the fall dates have presenters identified. The committee plans on meeting during the week of Thanksgiving (Tuesday) for spring planning. There is some discussion on having a discussion on Islam during one of the Sundays.

Mark Kussmaul

To my knowledge, there is nothing new to report for **St. Martha's & St. Andrew's Guild**. Thanks you to all of you who work daily to keep the kitchen space clean and tidy.

Meegan Reidy

The new curriculum for **Children's Ed** is going well, the children seem to like the format. Attendance has been good. Teachers and assistants are scheduled until the end of the year.

At this point, I do not know who the ongoing "contact" person will be.

Ellen Ball

### **Outreach**

The Cropwalk will take place on Sunday, October 19. The Newsletter states that the beginning time is 1:30, but Jan's most recent email says 1:30. Not sure which is correct. Check with Helen Hudson.

The committee will meet after church on Sunday, October 26, to talk about the budget request for next year and to look ahead at upcoming outreach events.

Larry Bennett.

Correction on Crop Walk time: 2:00 p.m.

**Parish Life** had 2 events last month. I have not heard how the Travelogue evening went, but I am sure it was very interesting! Sixteen hardy souls attended the Indy Eleven soccer match last Saturday and we enjoyed watching the home team come away with a victory!

Kim Roberts

**Wardens:** No report

**Old Business:** Kim Roberts asked about financial booking question that came up during the September meeting regarding Youth ministry line item being in Adult Education budget. Rev. Jan said that she has not had a chance to sit down with John Culley yet to check on this.

Larry Bennett asked about the status of teachers for Children's Education. Ellen Ball reported that we are covered through December.

**New Business:**

a) Nominating Committee (made up of outgoing vestry members). Rev. Jan would like to have a meeting with them prior to beginning their work. There will be an article in the November newsletter asking parishioners to consider if they would like to serve. We would like to publish the names of nominees at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

b) Rev. Jan distributed an example of a financial grant policy which is used at Trinity Bloomington. This is just for our review at this time.

c) Rev. Jan has signed St. John's up for the "mystery guest" program. Someone will visit St. John's and then report back to us about their experience as a visitor walking into one of our services.

d) Vestry College will take place February 20-21, 2015. Rev. Jan asked that we consider whether we will participate or not.

**Upcoming events** include:

Visit from a portion of the Wabash Glee Club on November 2. We are all encouraged to attend.

Ingathering of pledges on November 9.

Budget proposals for committees due in November.

Parish budget meetings will be held in January. Dates to be announced.

Bishop Cate will be with us on January 4.

Annual Meeting will be January 25.

Meegan Reidy moved to **adjourn** the meeting with a second from Larry Bennett.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Kim Roberts  
Clerk of the Vestry