

Vestry Meeting
March 18, 2015

Members Present: Kitty Haffner, Mark Kussmaul, Carole Meyer, Meegan Reidy, Kim Roberts, Harry Siamas, Peter Swanson, Cindy Turner and Rev. Jan Oller

Members Absent: Ellen Ball

Others Present: Rees Olander, Sam Hildebrand, and John Culley

Rev. Jan called the meeting to order with prayer at 7:00 pm.

Planned Giving Committee presentation. (Ed Fain is also on committee, but not present this evening.) The committee explained the work that they have been doing up to this time. They would like the Vestry to give permission for the committee to send a letter to every member of the parish regarding planned giving. Cindy Turner made a motion that the vestry give the Planned Giving Committee permission to release a letter to parish members and to begin preparing enabling documents to establish a planned giving program at St. John's. Peter Swanson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes from the January 21st and January 25th meetings were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes from Jan. 21st was made by Mark Kussmaul. Second was Peter Swanson. Minutes accepted. The motion to accept the minutes from Jan. 25th was made by Kitty Haffner. Second was Mark Kussmaul. Minutes accepted.

John Culley reviewed the financial reports with us. Motion to accept the financial reports was made by Meegan Reidy. Second was Mark Kussmaul. Financial reports accepted.

Liaison Reports (via email)

Since our last Vestry meeting, St. Martha's Guild has coordinated the brunch that accompanied the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25th. We also provided the champagne and cheesecake reception following the funeral service for Linda Johnson.
Meegan Reidy

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE discussed activities for upcoming year and decided to bring back adult potluck dinners (inclusive) at least quarterly, the first being [Fri. April 17th](#) hosted by the Roberts. The annual Christmas White Elephant gathering would be the last of the year. There also was interest in planning a baseball or soccer outing, to be discussed at a later meeting. Other suggestions are welcome.
Carole Meyer

Report from Outreach:

The Mardi Gras festival dinner proceeds were donated to Nourish, \$240.

In March, we are collecting items and money for the Family Crisis Shelter. We hope to collect \$250, which then will be matched. Currently have \$75.

Looking ahead, we still need a volunteer to chair the participation at the Cathedral Strawberry Festival.

We will plan to have the water/corn hole game at the children's area of the Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival if anyone is interested in chairing the event.

Join us at either or both of these events.

And we thank a parish member that donated a large amount of food to the FISH collection to celebrate her birthday.

Ellen Ball

Report from Alter Guild:

Since Betty Culley (Chair) had been out of town the past 25 days, she will provide a more detailed report for next Vestry meeting. Alter Guild will be meeting the Saturday (4/4) before Easter for breakfast and then a work session at St. John's.

Kitty Haffner

From Building & Grounds

Building and Grounds met on 2-22-15. Wayne Oleander and Sam Hildebrand will be working together toward the replacement of the front doors. Lighting in Whitlock was discussed. The housings for the flood lights should be replaced at some time with insulated fixtures. Replacement of the current bulbs with brighter LED bulbs, would increase the lighting. Jim Suren and Wayne will work together on this. Dan Booher has since replaced six bulbs with LED floods. He stated he wished to 'donate' the bulbs. They are brighter and have an anticipated 36 year lifespan. On Tuesday, Feb 24th, Jim Suren discovered that a pipe to the front foyer radiator had burst. He was able to reduce damage by turning off the water and repairs and clean-up were completed within the week. The heat from that water has removed the color from a portion of the carpet. Thank you Jim for your tour of the building! Costs for repairs and clean-up totaled about \$1100. A meeting will be held in March to discuss payment vouchers.

Cindy Turner

Children's Education: During Lent, we are focusing on being kind to others. Cindy Turner and Suzie Siamas worked on a daily calendar for Lent that gives the children a kindness or discussion point for each day. We are also creating a Stations of the Cross booklet that we work on each week. The kids continue to meet with Jerilyn for about 15 minutes each Sunday for music. We are all enjoying ourselves with singing and instruments! Debbie Swanson and Suzie Siamas gave the children a tour of the church which included places (like the attic in the sacristy!) which they had never seen before, They had a great time. Many thanks to Debbie, Suzie and Betty as they have helped with Sunday School this year!

Kim Roberts

In addition to the emailed reports, Cindy Turner passed around the sign up sheets for vestry members to sign up for building entrance care.

There will be a Parish wide Clean-up Day on Saturday April 4. Debbie Swanson will be in charge of outdoor clean-up and Betty Culley in charge of inside.

Wardens: No report

Old Business: none

New Business:

Bruce Gray has asked to meet with the vestry for a short meeting on Tuesday, April 21. After a short discussion, Rev. Jan agreed to ask Canon Gray if he could communicate with us via email.

Dancing With the Stars – This local charity event to raise money for the Youth Service Bureau, will take place May 9. After discussing our sponsorship last year, and recalling that half of our donation was reimbursed by the diocese, Cindy Turner moved that we sponsor the event at the \$400 level. Peter Swanson was second. Motion carried.

On April 10, Rev. Jan will be going to Anderson, IN to attend the grand opening of an Episcopal Retirement Homes project.

Rev. Jan encouraged all to attend the MCCF program “Toxic Charity” on May 5th at the Crawfordsville Country Club from Noon to 4:00 pm. Tickets available in advance. There will be a follow up discussion at St. John's on May 12 at 1:00 pm.

There was a brief reflection and discussion regarding an article that Rev. Jan had shared. Vestry members asked her to share the article “When Churches Want a Pastor Who Can Bring In Young Families” with the rest of the parish.

A motion to adjourn was made by Carole Meyer. Peter Swanson was second. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Kim Roberts, Clerk