

Vestry
April 15, 2015

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

Members Absent: Meegan Reidy

Also Present: John Culley

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

Minutes: A correction was made regarding the spelling of a name. Cindy Turner moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Peter Swanson seconded the motion. Minutes approved as corrected.

John Culley presented the financial reports. Kitty Haffner moved that we accept the financial reports. Harry Siamas was second. Financials accepted.

Warden's concerns: None

Liaison Reports (via e-mail)

The Parish Life Committee has not met since the last Vestry meeting. The first Adult Potluck is being hosted by the Roberts on the 24th of this month. Brooke White voiced the desire to have another one in June, but I'm not aware of any definite plans having been made on that.

The Olanders would like to have Breakfast on the Shore this summer and we'll have more on that next month.

Carole Meyer.

Rev. Jan added:

Thanks, Carole.

I am guessing the following happened while you were away earlier this year and the info didn't get relayed- sorry!

Brookie and Alan White are hosting the Parish Picnic [on Sunday June 28th](#). Start time 1p. Pitch in.

Breakfast at the Shore will be at Wayne and Rees Olander's [on August 30th](#). Start time (worship) 9a followed by pitch-in.

The program for the year is winding down with the start of the Walking the Bible series with Jeremy and Jill and then end the year on 5/17 with Praying upside down. We are going to meet sometime in the early summer for next years planning.

Mark Kussmaul, Adult Education

REPORT FROM ALTAR GUILD per Betty Culley, Chairperson. Eight members of Altar Guild plus several parishioners readied the sanctuary for Easter services on Saturday, April 4. The pews and woodwork were cleaned and polished. All the floors and kneelers were vacuumed, and wax was removed from the carpet. The Easter Alleluia banner was set up as well as pansy plants placed in the windows for children of all ages to take home. A huge thank you to all who participated. Kitty Haffner, Liaison

St. Martha's Guild

Easter was a joyous day at St. John's. Part of our celebration included an Easter Brunch between services and champagne following the late service. Many thanks to all who provide the delicious food, and to Claude Johnson for providing the champagne. Thank you, also, to those who helped set up, serve, and clean up following the festivities.

Meegan Reidy

... from Building & Grounds

The new certificate of operation for the elevator has been received. The original is in the file and a copy was placed in the elevator. The exterior of the church property was cleaned up on 4-

3. The first coat of 'mud' has been applied to the staircase landing area. Upon completion the area will be primed and painted as well as an area in the sw corner of the church proper. The deluge of rain on Wednesday, 4-8, caused water to enter the building at the kitchen door and migrate thru the floor to the choir room ceiling and oriental rug. The rug has been dried and repairs to the ceiling paint should occur later this month. The drain for this door was clogged by debris inside the drain. Modifications have been made to the drain which should reduce this occurring in the future. Those vestry members with exterior doors which have drains, should lift the covers regularly to ensure the drains do not become filled with debris. The lock for the door into the foyer has become difficult to operate and Haley's will be checking/repairing that mechanism this week. Brian Albrecht will be replacing the closer for the kitchen door within the next week or so. Until that is completed, please ensure the door latches - it cannot be latched unless the 'crash' bar is in the locked position.

Cindy Turner

The Planned Giving committee met Saturday April 11th. The committee continues to discuss and work on the vision of planned giving that we wish to present to the congregation. We are drafting enabling resolutions and proposed policies that we will complete and have ready for the vestry' consideration later this summer. In a few weeks the committee will send a letter to our parishioners past and present that introduces the planned giving opportunity to them. Our next meeting is [May 31st.](#)

Harry A. Siamas

Children's Education - The kids made Easter Cards for our shut-ins

as part of their Lenten series. The cards will be distributed by LEVs when they make their visits. We also led the adults through the Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday during the education hour. I think everyone enjoyed it and we received some helpful suggestions from adults on how to improve the experience if we do this in the future. Kitty Haffner and Debbie Swanson will be taking the kids outside to celebrate Earth Day on Sunday April 19 weather permitting. We will continue to utilize the Jesus Storybook Bible series in conjunction with the weekly gospel readings (more or less!) until the end of the school year.

Kim Roberts

Old Business:

- a) Prayers to send off Abby Twarek for her work in China will take place at the 10:30 service on April 19. She will be leaving on April 24. We will begin donating \$100 per month to support her work.
- b) There was generally positive feedback on the Holy Week/Easter services. Attendance was down a bit due to Spring Break.
- c) Table discussion of Rector Call template. Not everyone received the document. Will take up discussion in May.

New Business:

- a) Diocesan Conflict of Interest Policy – Vestry members should review before May meeting. We will review/discuss at May meeting.
- b) Questionnaire from Diocese regarding the Lilly Grant – All vestry members are asked to follow links in Mark Kussmaul's e-mail and respond to survey. Others in Lay Leadership

positions will be contacted. Diocese will receive \$50,000 planning grant for completing surveys.

c) Bill processing – Tutorial from John Culley

1)all maintenance goes through Debbie Swanson

2)fill out check requests forms found by mailboxes or online.

Please include details!

3)cover sheet for each check request

4)submit for approval (designated person is listed on request form)

5)goes to John Culley for payment

Discussion/Reflection: 10 Reasons Even Committed Church Attenders Are Attending Church Less Often

A motion to adjourn was made by Ellen Ball at 7:55 p.m.

There was a second by Peter Swanson.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Roberts, Clerk