

## **Vestry Meeting September 16, 2015**

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

**Members Absent:** None

Rev. Jan called the meeting to order with prayer at 7:01 p.m.

**Minutes** from the July Vestry meeting were reviewed. Meegan Reidy moved to accept the minutes. Mark Kussmaul was second. Minutes accepted as presented.

The **financial reports** from July and August were reviewed. Carole Meyer moved to accept the financial reports and Peter Swanson was second. The financial reports were accepted.

The **2014 Audit** was discussed briefly. Kitty Haffner moved to accept the audit. Cindy Turner was second.

### **Liaison Reports (via email)**

The **Altar Guild** continues the weekly preparations for our Eucharist but have not met as a group.

Per Betty Culley  
Chair of Altar Guild

### **Outreach**

Today was the first day of packing backpacks for St. John's.. It is a pretty smooth operation, and not hard at all. There are some time restraints that you need to know about. Here's how it worked today and will in the future. □ □1. A WAB friend, Shirley McCormick, kindly agreed to pick up all of the backpacks from the school. She will take them to the Nourish Site at the Sugar Creek Medical Center. She plans to be there with them at 1:00 on Wed. That makes things very easy for us. □ □2. We will fill the 14 bags marked with Ms. Leanna, (in orange on the tags). The Presbyterian ladies will probably be there, so we can work together today with an assembly line, The food list and the food items were already on the counter. We just walked along and filled each bag with the items. □ □3. There is a parking lot by the back door. I pulled my car in, we loaded the bags in the car, using a cart to wheel them from the building. □ □4. We took the bags to Willson. We got there [at 2:00](#), which was when the bus loading was going on, so we had to wait until the buses left. ([2:10](#) ish) If you get there earlier than [1:45](#), or after the buses have left and the door is closed, you will need to enter the building at the security entrance on the west end of the Jefferson St. side. They will let you in, then you can go out the east end doors on Jefferson, and unload the bags from your car. We lined them up along the hallway. We put ours on the right hand side when we came in

the door. We decided it would be best to deliver them [at 2:10](#) after the buses leave. We can park right there on Jefferson. □ □\*\*\*Okay, here is the really good part. I didn't get off of work until [1:00](#), so we didn't get to Nourish until [1:15](#) or so. We were at Willson by [2:00](#). I was home by [2:30](#). Little more than an hours work, including travel time. □ □It would be best if you can do the bags on Wed. You can get into the building until [3:00](#). If necessary, they can be delivered in the morning on Thursday before the [10:30](#) dismissal, but there is less confusion for the teachers getting ready for dismissal. You can imagine what it would be like getting a whole school of preschoolers ready to go home! □ □**ALSO**

St Johns is needing a representative for the FISH board. It would require one meeting for an hour once a month.

#### **AND**

Reindeer project is coming in November. This year, I did not find a good sale after Christmas of large bags. If anyone has some stashed, we would love to use them. There is a good possibility that the REINdear format will change next year.

Thanks  
Ellen

Bud Arnold told me Sunday he is willing to take Jane's place on the FISH board.  
Rev. Jan

#### Liaison report for **Parish Life:**

Breakfast on the shore held at Olander's on Aug 30th was a lovely affair, enjoyed by all who attended. When I wrote thanking Rees for their hospitality her response was she hoped it could become an annual event.

The next event will be attending the Indy Eleven soccer game on the 19th.

The committee hasn't met recently, but hopefully we'll meet soon to discuss the possibility of another Pot Luck later this Fall, and also discuss our Christmas gathering (in Dec or Jan?)

Carole Meyer

To my knowledge, there is nothing new to report for the **St. Martha's Guild**.  
Meegan Reidy

#### **Financial/Gratitude:**

Helen Hudson is chairing the committee again this year. The committee met in June. Assignments have been made. The program will look much the same as last year. You will see and hear messages from the parishioners about gratitude giving in the next few weeks.

#### **Columbarium:**

As noted in the agenda the Columbarium committee met and approved Jerilynn's request for two niches and the purchase of a new unit that will house 16 additional niches at a cost of \$4064.00. The new unit has been ordered and should arrive in about 3-4 months.

There was also a request from the Gary's for columbarium niches. Since the vestry was not meeting in August, a vote was taken via email. The request was approved.

**Planned Giving:**

The Planned Giving committee did not meet since the last Vestry meeting.

Harry

**Building & Grounds**

Several updates have been completed which should assist with preventing water intrusion during heavy rains. The flat roof on the north side of the Whitlock hall addition has been recoated. The gutter drain in this area has been extended. It is hoped that we can raise the air conditioner units and add gravel as that area is lower than the parking lot. The gutter on the south side of Whitlock was replaced with a new 6 inch gutter which will allow faster runoff from the roof.

The annual inspection from the elevator contractor has been completed. We continue waiting on a bid for the replacement of the front doors. A project anticipated for 2016 will be the replacement of the flood and spotlights in the church with energy efficient/long life fixtures and bulbs. The current fixtures were obtained when Wabash College replaced fixtures about 50 years ago. With the approach of fall, the vestry is reminded to check and clear entrances of debris.

Cindy Turner

**Children's Education** began Sunday, September 13th. We will be focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit this semester. We plan to actively participate in various areas of adult worship this year. There will be a couple of plays and lots of singing! I want to give special thanks to Jerilyn Yerkes for continuing to work with the kids on music each Sunday and the following ladies who have stepped up to volunteer as teaching assistants this semester: Betty Culley, Kim Green, Kitty Haffner, Suzie Siamas and Debbie Swanson. We are looking forward to a fun and joy filled semester!

Kim Roberts

Please note below, The fall **Adult Education** schedule:

Mark:

Here's a small table for the fall:

Date	Sunday	Topic
9/13/2015		Marriage
9/20/2015		Marriage
<a href="#">9/27/2015</a>		Marriage
<a href="#">10/4/2015</a>		Sam's experiences in Europe
<a href="#">10/11/2015</a>		Great Churches -- Earliest Churches
<a href="#">10/18/2015</a>		Great Churches
<a href="#">10/25/2015</a>		Great Churches
<a href="#">11/1/2015</a>	All Saints	Great Churches
<a href="#">11/8/2015</a>		Great Churches
<a href="#">11/15/2015</a>		Bill Cook's visit
<a href="#">11/22/2015</a>	Christ the King	Work in prisons
<a href="#">11/29/2015</a>	1 Advent	Luke
<a href="#">12/6/2015</a>		Luke
<a href="#">12/13/2015</a>		Luke

I hope that's readable.

- wjt

Mark Kussmaul

In addition to the emailed reports, Ellen Ball reported that we have 148 St. John's mugs in storage that were ordered for Wabash Community Day that did not occur this year. They will decide what to do with the mugs.

Also from Building and Grounds: quotes are being obtained for the front doors of the church.

**Wardens:** no business

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** The vestry discussed information from the Vestry Resource Guide which Rev. Jan distributed to us. Members felt that both Children's and Seniors ministries are progressing. We discussed the need for a Communications ministry. Be thinking about folks who may have that gift and call. Also, talked of the work being done to re-establish good relationships with Wabash College.

Peter Swanson made a motion to adjourn. Harry Siamas was second. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Roberts, Clerk