

**Vestry Meeting
November 18, 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

Others Present: John Culley

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

October minutes were reviewed and Kitty Haffner moved that they be accepted. Ellen Ball seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as presented.

The financial reports were reviewed. \$10,000 was moved to Building Fund reserve. We continue to be in good shape. Peter Swanson moved that financial reports be accepted. Meegan Reidy was second and the financials were accepted.

Liaison Reports (via e-mail)

St. Martha's Guild provided beverages for approximately 20 guest who attended the Holy Conversation on Saturday, November 7, 2015.

Meegan Reidy

No report from **Altar Guild!**
Kitty Haffner

Outreach has a busy month with a food distribution, the REINdear project, the collection for hygiene kits, and the collection for Mental Health.

Ellen Ball

The **Gratitude Committee, Planned Giving Committee, and Columbarium Committee** have nothing to report.

Harry Siamas

From **Building & Grounds**

We have had 2 service calls for the furnace for Whitlock Hall. At this time it seems to be operating properly. This unit is 27 years old and will soon need replacement. Should anyone find that Whitlock is extra cool, please contact Jim Suren or Debbie Swanson as the problem can possibly be 'fixed' and we do not want to have frozen pipes with the arrival of cold weather.

Mark Evans of the fire department did our annual inspection on 11-16 and was impressed with the condition of the building and we passed.

On Saturday, 11-14, Jim Suren and Brian Albrecht replaced bulbs and reset one of the theatre light fixtures in the Sanctuary. The new bulbs caused the 'hot' smell which many of us noticed

on Sunday. Jim has obtained information to replace those fixtures and this would include more efficient and longer life bulbs. The air conditioner was elevated on Saturday as well which will allow the addition of porous material to increase drainage at the north side of Whitlock. Vestry members are reminded to remove debris from their entryways. Debbie Swanson removed two bags on Sunday the first, Betty Culley removed another that same day, and Debbie filled a bag on the 14th which only removed a portion of the leaves around the air conditioner units.
Cindy Turner

Wardens: No report

Old Business:

- a) Nominations to Vestry – Committee will meet shortly after Thanksgiving.
- b) Budget Planning Priorities – Rev. Jan asked what we feel our priorities should be as the finance committee begins to consider the budget for 2016. It was felt that our 1st priority should be Outreach. Our second priority was the stewardship of our building and its physical upkeep. The finance committee will meet Sunday, November 22nd after the 10:30 service.

New Business:

- a) Housing Allowance: the housing allowance for Rev. Jan was reviewed and renewed. It continues unchanged from 2015.

Housing Resolution text per auditor/IRS:

Whereas, the Rev. Janet Oller is compensated by St. John’s Episcopal Church, Crawfordsville IN exclusively for services as a minister of the gospel; and

Whereas, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Crawfordsville IN does not provide Rev. Oller with a rectory; therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that of the total compensation paid to Rev. Oller for 2016, the amount of \$14,016 is hereby designated as a housing allowance pursuant to Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code; and it is further

RESOLVED that the designation of \$14,016 as a housing allowance shall apply to calendar year 2016 and all future years unless otherwise provided.

- b) Discernment process update for Sam Vaught: The Discernment Committee that has been working with Sam provided their group response for the Vestry’s review. It was their recommendation that Sam move forward and that St. John's should send a letter to the Bishop stating our support as he continues through the process. Carole Meyer moved that we accept the committees recommendation and send the letter. Peter Swanson was second and the motion was approved.

- c) Alcohol in church events: The Vestry is beginning a discussion regarding the use of alcohol at church sponsored events. At this time, we will await the recommendation of the Executive Committee since any policy coming from the Diocese (or above) would have to be taken into account in a local policy. Meanwhile we resolve to continue to look out for one another and be aware that non-alcoholic refreshments are always available.
- d) Application for Columbarium niches: Mike and Meegan Reidy applied for two niches in the columbarium. Motion to approve the request was made by Peter Swanson and Harry Siamas was second. Request was approved.

After a brief discussion on a question in our Vestry Resource Guide, Mark Kusmaul made a motion to adjourn. Peter Swanson was second and meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Roberts, Clerk