

St. John's Episcopal Church
Vestry meeting: Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016

Members present: Ellen Ball, Sue Fain, Kitty Haffner, Mark Kussmaul, Char Lingen, Rev. Jan Oller, Christopher Short, Harry Siamas, Peter Swanson

Others present: John Culley, treasurer

Rev. Jan called the meeting to order, and welcomed the new vestry members: Sue Fain, Char Lingen, and Christopher Short. She also introduced Kitty Haffner as the Rector's Warden.

Election of vestry clerk: Ellen nominated Christopher Short, Mark seconded; the nomination passed unanimously.

Election of people's warden: Includes backing up the rector and her warden when both are unavailable, and relaying concerns of the congregation to the rector. Both wardens also approve expense reports.

Kitty nominated Mark Kussmaul, and Harry seconded. Mark asked to delay the decision due to personal concerns. Peter moved to defer the decision until February. All agreed, but Rev. Jan said the warden must be chosen at the February meeting due to imminent scheduling concerns.

Bank resolutions: For mostly historical reasons, Randy Pickering will continue to be approved signer.

Parochial report: Rev. Jan explained the strange accounting for adults in Sunday school: The formula is average weekly attendance, multiplied by number of weeks. Peter moved to approve, Ellen seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Financial report: Mark moved to approve, Peter seconded; it passed unanimously.

Conflict of interest policy: Copies were distributed to, and signed by, all members.

Vestry retreat: The date is set for Saturday, March 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Wellbrooke

Meeting with bishop: At Indianapolis Museum of Art, Saturday, April 16. Topics include an \$800,000 grant from Lilly, and proposed changes to canons.

Diocese of Northern Indiana: Sue asked that we keep them in our prayers as they elect a new bishop. There are two women among their candidates.

Adjournment: Kitty moved, Peter seconded; it passed unanimously.

- Christopher Short, clerk of the vestry