

St. John's Episcopal Church

Vestry meeting: Wednesday, March 16, 2016, 7 p.m.

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

Others present: Treasurer John Culley, Sam Vaught

Rev. Jan opened with prayer. Members and visitors shared celebrations since last month. After reading from the prayer book on prison work, Mark spoke about the dangers of becoming callous, and the power of realizing that he sometimes is inspiring the inmates.

Sam brought word on his ordination path, having finished 10 weeks in Lafayette. As he visits and considers divinity schools, he's been accepted into Episcopal Service Corps, working at St. Hilda's House in Connecticut from August 2016 to June 2017. Before then, a meeting with the bishop in April and a 10-week summer internship on the island of Iona, Scotland.

Minutes from February: Kitty moved to accept, Carole seconded; it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: John said we're in great shape. We've taken in 22.5% of our projected income, while only 17% of expenses have gone out. Peter moved to accept, Christopher seconded; it passed unanimously.

Wardens' concerns: None to report.

Committee Liaisons

- Children's Education: We collected \$150.52 on "Change for Change" Sunday – i.e., the beginning of Daylight Saving Time. The children earmarked it for Riley Children's Hospital and the Animal Welfare League.
- Outreach: Christopher has agreed to organize Mardi Gras going forward. The committee has talked about hosting community social events, including a pub-style trivia night, so: Are we comfortable having alcohol on the premises? After discussion, Ellen moved to okay an exploration of the idea. Peter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Parish Life: At the vestry retreat, Carole and Char volunteered to revive the committee, which was chairless in 2015 – pending a survey to be conducted in conjunction with Outreach, to be developed by Rev. Jan, Christopher, and others.

Old business

- Website review: No one is interested in doing design overhaul, so only small technical changes are being made.
- Wellbrooke services: Good idea, but hasn't gone anywhere.

- Review of vestry retreat and planning: Ellen asked to clarify role in Parish Life – will help with individual projects, but not interested in overall planning. Sue moved to accept the vestry job description drawn up at the retreat, and Char seconded; it passed unanimously.

New business

In conjunction with the Community Chorus, St. John's bought a Yamaha keyboard of the same model that's been used at Christmas in previous years. The annual rental was \$400, so the purchase price of \$1,500 made more sense long-term. The musicians will ask the congregation to help with cost.

Christopher volunteered to open next meeting with scripture.

Adjournment: Carole so moved, and it passed unanimously.

- Christopher Short, clerk of the vestry