

St. John's Episcopal Church
Vestry meeting, 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 21, 2016

Members present: Ellen Ball, Sue Fain, Kitty Haffner, Mark Kusssmaul, Char Lingen, Carole Meyer, the Rev. Jan Oller, Christopher Short (clerk), Harry Siamas.

Others present: Treasurer John Culley, Jason Fortner

Rev. Jan opened with prayer. Members shared celebrations. Sue shared a scripture reading: "Take up your cross and follow me." As Ed transitions to retirement, and as they both get the lake house ready for residence, it's an exciting time and a stressful time.

November minutes: Ellen moved to accept, Char seconded; it passed unanimously.

Financial report: In really good shape – almost an embarrassment. Have already passed the finish line for income, with two weeks to go in December. Nothing unforeseen for expenses at the moment. John believes we'll have about \$12,000 left. Ellen moved that we earmark \$10,000 from the surplus for the building fund. Carole seconded, and it passed unanimously. Kitty moved to accept the report, Mark seconded; it passed unanimously.

Liaison reports

Adult Education (Mark): Spring 2017 schedule is set, covering the Gospel of Matthew, "Sacred Journeys," Lent, and a "Dangerous Dozen" Christians who upended the status quo.

Altar Guild (Kitty): Schedule is set through June 2017. Carole Meyer provided live wreaths to go in front of the church for Advent; she and Terry Lawrence put them up.

Children's education (Sue): Numbers have grown to 12-16 kids this fall, enough that it makes sense to split them up by age. Kitty Hafner and Suzie Siamas helped with an Advent education hour, with a wreath and special prayers for snack time.

Outreach (Ellen): St. John's provided donations and attendees for the community Thanksgiving Dinner. Food Finders and REINdear had good responses as well.

Parish Life (Carole): Officially scheduled the Epiphany white elephant party for Jan. 6, at the Fains' house.

Planned Giving (Harry): Met to discuss 2016 activities and plan for 2017. A Whitlock Society reception is scheduled for April.

St. Martha's Guild (Meegan): Hosted a reception for Ann Lebedeff's memorial service on Nov. 15, and now has a cleanup crew to help after coffee hour each Sunday.

New business

We have passed the projected end of the useful life of the copier, and Kodak will likely cease support after another year. We're looking into a replacement – starting the search with Jeff Burd, who's in the business.

The nominating committee proposed Marc Hudson, Alan White, and Nancy Bennett for 2017. In order to accommodate Alan's schedule, Carole moved to change vestry meeting times to noon on the third Sunday of each month, provided all new vestry members are available at that time. Kitty seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Kitty moved to accept the slate, Sue seconded; it passed unanimously.

The vestry briefly discussed Carey Nieuwhof's blog post about reaching younger generations. The most intriguing issue was the idea of whether mission follows money, or vice versa. Rev. Jan suggested that we incorporate discussion of mission vs. money into the January meeting.

Old business

The bid for the stained-glass repair was less than anticipated - \$25,000. Interest-free loans are available. If we go ahead, it'll start in the summer.

Char moved to adjourn, Carole seconded; it passed unanimously.