

Minutes for February (2/19/17) Vestry Meeting, St. John's Episcopal Church

The meeting was called to order at noon on 2/19. Present were Nancy Bennett, Marc Hudson, Char Lingen, Peter Swanson, Alan White, and Reverend Jan Oller (Presiding). With the absence of the clerk of the Vestry, Marc Hudson volunteered to record the minutes of the meeting.

Each of us spoke, briefly, of what we were thankful for in our lives during the previous week.

Minutes: The minutes for the meetings of 1/18 and 1/29 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: We looked over the February (2/6) report prepared by John Culley who was in Florida. We found it satisfactory, with \$139,890.68 currently in our checking account and \$112,124.64 currently in investments. The Report was approved. Jan proposed that since we have more than enough funds in our checking account to cover projected short-term needs, we invest \$70,000 in four three month c.d.s, one quarter of which being invested each month from March through June, in what is called a c.d. ladder. After a short discussion, the vestry approved Jan's proposal.

Two Items from Buildings and Grounds: Most of our meeting's business came from two proposals from Buildings and Grounds. The first item we took up had to do with our telephone bill, which, at c. \$111 per month, was considered a bit excessive. The Building and Grounds Committee proposed that we switch to Metronet for both our phone and our internet. Following a couple of testimonials about Metronet's prices and service, the Vestry voted in favor of that switch. The second item had to do with a \$25,000 bid to repair and wash our sanctuary's stained glass windows as well as provide new storm windows for the building. Since our stained glass windows are a century old it was thought that this upkeep just might be needed. These actions will increase the natural light in the sanctuary as well as decrease our utility bill. This proposal was also moved, seconded, and approved.

Upcoming Events: Jan mentioned that our vestry retreat will take place on Saturday, March 18th at Ed and Sue Fain's residence. Jan also mentioned that the details for the Mardi Gras (Tues. 2/28) and for the combined Ash Wednesday evening service still needed some further planning.

Nancy asked about the situation with the equipment closet—the previous week at a LWV meeting there were so many lights piled in there it was difficult to operate the projection equipment. Jan made note of the issue. Nancy also put in a plug for the upcoming public meeting at CHS about the state of the City and the County on Thursday, February 23 at 7. Mayor Barton and Phil Bane were to speak.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

--Respectfully submitted by Marc Hudson, acting clerk of the Vestry, 2/26/17.