

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**Regular vestry meeting and annual retreat**  
**9 a.m., Saturday, March 18, 2017**

**Members present:** Nancy Bennett, Sue Fain, Kitty Haffner, Marc Hudson, Char Lingen, Carole Meyer, Rev. Jan Oller, Christopher Short (clerk), Alan White

**Others present:** Courtenay Murakowski, candidate for diaconate

**February minutes:** Submitted by Marc. Kitty moved to accept, Nancy seconded; it passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's report:** Sue moved to accept; Char seconded. Passed without comment.

**Liaison reports:**

Children's Education (Kitty): The Fains are set to fill in for Kim on March 19, while the kids make thank-you cards for Abby Twarek. They'll also be making cards for Sam Vaught. Lenten lessons concern loving God and neighbor.

Outreach (Carole): Mardi Gras attendance was down, and was mainly St. John's parishioners. Net cost after donations was about \$350. Need to determine if the event is mainly for parish life or outreach, and delegate tasks accordingly.

Parish Life (Sue): Rees touched base with all continuing members and set a meeting for March 19. Dinner groups begin in Eastertide, and the Olanders will host Breakfast at the Shore again, on June 11. The Epiphany white-elephant party will continue this Christmas, with hosts to be determined.

**Rector's updates:**

Sam Vaught has been accepted to divinity school at Yale, starting in fall. He'll preach on May 21, and again some time before fall. It looks like he'll be able to graduate with no debt.

The AT&T bill nearly tripled, so Metronet has now been installed for phone and internet. The boiler room flooded again; Cox & Pritchett were called to root out to the street again, and the boiler room has been partly cleared out and organized.

Rev. Jan will be a priest search coach for the diocese, training at Fishers. Currently there are 4-6 parishes in the search process.

**Upcoming dates:**

Tuesday Lenten soup suppers continue through April 4.

Bp.-elect Jennifer is leading a discussion on white privilege, April 1.

Various ecumenical Holy Week services are scheduled, April 13-16.

Bp. Cate's farewell liturgy is April 22 at St. Christopher's in Carmel

Bp. Jennifer's consecration is April 29 at Clowes Hall.

**Discussion of outreach direction:**

After much discussion, the vestry agreed on the following statement:

**The vestry's nonbinding statement on outreach priorities**

Whereas the outreach committee has asked the vestry for help in discerning its future direction, and

Whereas the stated mission of St. John's compels us to "live our faith in the community at large,"

The vestry offers these suggested criteria for assessing potential new ministries:

- We value giving over hoarding.
- We value local giving over non-local.
- We value opportunities to match others' donations, over straight donations from the church.
- We value causes that empower others to make better decisions, over causes that simply meet their temporal (and temporary) needs.
- Though it is not the primary function of outreach, we value opportunities to market the work we do, in order to further the name and cause of Christ in our community, and St. John's as His agents.

**Adjournment:** Effected by acclamation.