

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**Regular vestry meeting**  
**12 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017**

**Members present:** Nancy Bennett, Sue Fain, Kitty Haffner, Marc Hudson, Rev. Jan Oller, Christopher Short (clerk), Alan White. **Others present:** John Culley (Treasurer)

Rev. Jan opened with prayer.

**November minutes:** Kitty moved to accept with amendments regarding the Adult Education report. Alan seconded. It passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's report:** In really good shape. Showing a gain of \$20,000 for the year, and it looks like we will over-fulfill both pledges and plate offerings. Rev. Jan entertained a motion to have John transfer \$15,000 of that \$20,000 surplus to the building fund. Nancy moved, and Christopher seconded; it passed unanimously. Christopher moved to accept the treasurer's report, Sue seconded; it passed unanimously.

**Liaison reports**

Altar guild (Alan): Seeking helpers after the Dec. 17 services for the annual greening of the church.

Children's education (Kitty): Over the holidays, planning to meet and re-evaluate whether to permanently consolidate into two classes, given sporadic attendance especially in middle-school group.

Columbarium (Char): Harry and Susie Siamas applied for a single niche for the two of them. Vestry agreed to accept the request, so long as the family holds on to the ashes of the first to die so that the niche only has to be opened once. Also, the columbarium is nearing its capacity, and we need a second bank. Vestry agreed that it should be in the south transept, near the current banks.

Parish Life (Sue): Dinner groups are wrapping up for 2017, with next year's round to be determined. The white elephant dinner at the Hudsons' is on for January 6.

St. Martha's Guild (Nancy): Hosted funeral receptions for Rita Heuss and Susie Smith, with many contributions from parishioners.

**Old business:**

Security: Since the last discussion, parishioners have suggested locking the patio doors, and leaving open the interior doors at the back of the nave, so the altar party can see anyone coming in. The locking of the kitchen door has begun, but one parishioner suggested installing an apartment-style peephole. Jan will ask the Building to get bids for that peephole, as well as options for the nave doors.

**New business:**

Vestry retreat was scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 2018, at the home of the Bennetts.

Budget hearing was scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 17, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. The vestry meeting will be on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and then the annual meeting is a week later on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Rev. Jan reminded us that Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> is also a community dinner for Humans United for Equality.

Marie Stocks was hired as parish secretary. She has started, and is currently working Tuesdays and Thursdays for 3-4 hours each day. So far she's been great.

Nancy said Crawfordsville's Strawberry Festival has been hurting for strawberry-related food booths. It could be a good fundraiser, if we can find the bodies to staff the booth. Christopher mentioned it could be a chance for ecumenical cooperation.

**Adjournment:** Sue moved, Nancy seconded; it passed unanimously.