

Minutes for the St. John's Vestry Meeting of January 28th (following the Annual Meeting)

Rev. Jan Oller called our meeting to order at about 11:45. Present were Reverend Jan, vestry members Nancy Bennett, Jeff Burd, Sheila Evans, Sue Fain, Marc Hudson, Char Lingen, Jim Gary, Alan White, and Treasurer John Culley. Jan welcomed our new vestry members of the class of 2020: Jeff Burd, Sheila Evans, and Jim Gary.

Election of Officers: Our first order of business was the election of our new officers: Sue Fain had already been asked to step forth as our new Rector's (senior) Warden, which she has agreed to do, and she was heartily approved by the vestry. A new People's (junior) Warden and a new Clerk were still to be appointed. Marc asked what the duties of the junior warden were and Jan replied, defining them briefly—to assist the senior warden to deal with the affairs of the parish, oversee check signing, and serve as advisors to our priest. Char Lingen volunteered to be considered, and the vestry happily approved her appointment as our new People's Warden. Marc Hudson, who had earlier volunteered to serve as clerk for this meeting, volunteered to serve as the clerk for the year, and was duly elected. John Culley will continue to serve as Treasurer and Cindy Smith will continue as Assistant Treasurer.

Bank Resolution/Signing Authority: John Culley spoke to this: because Main Source is closing we will need to look for a new bank. We will need to defer that for now. Our bills are mostly on automatic debit. (Jan is not on any financial account.)

The Parochial Report: Jan handed out the 2017 (annual) St. John's Parochial Report, which Jan and John had prepared to submit to the Diocese. Jan walked us briefly through p.2, which deals with church membership, attendance, baptisms, confirmations, marriages, funerals, eucharists, and daily offices. John walked us through the financial report on p. 3 which is a summary of the fuller financial statement. Jan noted that p.5 (Outreach ministries and volunteer activity of this congregation) doesn't acknowledge the collaborative work a church community does; if the church does not house the outreach it does not count according to diocesan reckoning. Thus all of the many things that St. John's does collaboratively in this community does not show up on this page. Jan plans to write a minority report addressing this issue. (It was noted that the Kussmauls' divorce class which was not listed in this report.) Char moved that the report be approved, Nancy seconded, and the report was approved by the vestry.

The Vestry Covenant: Jan talked about the norms and covenants expected of the vestry, which were listed on the agenda for the meeting. She briefly explained what the two were and why we often conflate them ("it is good to consider both procedures—norms—and behaviors—covenants—in our dealings with each other").

Church Safety and Security: It was noted that we had previously discussed church safety, and have added some procedures to address this issue. It was observed that we may need to look into our insurance coverage and liability in the face of an attack on our

community. Jan noted that there would be a church safety seminar at Rock Point from 9-3 on February 8. She invited the vestry members to attend.

Assignment of Doors: Jan spoke of the importance of keeping the drains by the doors to St. John's clear of debris—the door by the kitchen door is particularly susceptible to clogging. She passed around a sign up sheet: two vestry members will be in charge of each entry.

Calendar: Jan went over the calendar of upcoming events listed on the meeting agenda. We discussed whether we should have a retreat and it was agreed we should. We settled on Saturday April 7th (9-2) as the date of our annual vestry retreat. Nancy agreed to host.

Our meeting was adjourned at 12:10.

Note: Our next vestry meeting directly follows our second service on February 18th.

--Respectfully submitted by Marc Hudson, clerk to the St. John's vestry, on February 13th.