

## **Minutes for the St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting of February 18, 2018**

Rev. Jan Oller called our meeting to order at about 11:45 am. Present were the Reverend Jan Oller, vestry members Nancy Bennett, Sue Fain, Marc Hudson, Char Lingen, Jim Gary, and Alan White.

**Approval of Minutes:** After our prayer, the minutes for the January 28 meeting were approved.

**Financials:** With our Treasurer, John Culley, away, his report was postponed.

**Liaison Reports:** Jan thanked the vestry members for their liaison reports. The assignments for liaisons for 2018 were selected by those present. The selections were:

Altar Guild: Alan White  
Columbarium: Jim Gary  
Education/Children: Char Lingen  
Education/Adults: Marc Hudson  
Parish Life: Sue Fain  
St. Martha's Guild: Nancy Bennett

Committees as yet unspoken for: Planned Giving, Property/Building and Grounds, and Outreach. Jan said that Sheila Evans, Chris Short, and Jeff Burd will have those options to select from.

**Wardens' Concerns:** The wardens had no concerns to discuss.

### **Old Business**

**The Strawberry Festival:** Nancy brought up the issue of having a food booth at this year's Strawberry Festival, on June 8, 9, and 10. A booth could raise substantial funds for our Church, depending on what we serve, but it would be labor intensive. Nancy hasn't yet heard back from the festival committee, but, apparently, the rumor is true: more food vendors will be needed this year. We will revisit this issue at our next meeting and make a decision.

**Church Safety:** We learned that the Presbyterian and the Methodist churches both lock all of their doors. We discussed a motion to lock the patio doors during our church services. After the first hymn, the greeters will lock the patio doors. A message will be posted on the patio doors to enter the church via the (unlocked) front doors during our church services. This motion was moved and passed.

### **New Business**

**Our a.v. system:** We discussed the issue of our a.v. system. Generally, it operates well to show a dvd, but it often does not work if a presenter brings in a laptop and wishes to run

a power point through our system. We pondered starting a fund to purchase a new, reliable system, but first securing an expert who can meet with us and determine our needs and then provide the expertise for securing the right system. Jim said that we shouldn't call an expert until we determine exactly what we need. It was proposed that Nancy meet with Deb Swanson and the two consult to determine exactly as possible what our a.v. needs are: Nancy will then bring that information to our March 18 vestry meeting. Then we'll do some research to determine who would be an appropriate vendor to fulfill those a.v. needs. (Perhaps someone from either Purdue or Wabash IT?)

**Mardi Gras Celebration/Donation to the Halfway House:** Sue asked how much money was received at our Fat Tuesday Celebration. Jan replied that we took in around \$600 in donations. (Later at the Outreach meeting it was agreed that Outreach would match whatever was the actual amount from the Mardi Gras free will offerings and make a gift of the total amount to the Halfway House.)

It was noted that Ed Fain was able to boost our on-line presence for advertising our celebration and thus probably boosted our attendance. We also thanked Alan for his superb and spirited performance on the piano.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Note: Our next vestry meeting directly follows our second service on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

--Respectfully submitted by Marc Hudson, clerk to the St. John's vestry, on 3/5/18