

St. John's Vestry Minutes for 8/18/18

Rev. Jan Oller called our meeting to order at about 9:00 am. Present were Reverend Jan, vestry members Nancy Bennett, Jeff Burd, Sheila Evans, Sue Fain, Marc Hudson, Char Lingen, Chris Short, and Alan White. Also present was treasurer John Culley.

Reverend Jan began the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: After our prayer, the minutes for the June vestry meeting were approved.

Financials: Treasurer John Culley reported that “we are still solvent”: financially St. John's is in good shape. We are on budget in all areas. Jan noted that we have already paid for the second half of our annual support for Sam Vaught's theological studies. The vestry approved the treasurer's report.

Liaison Reports: Chris Short reported from outreach that our dinner for incoming Wabash freshmen was a successful event. Twenty-three students attended, and we had sixty people in all. The students were engaged. “A good time was had by all,” Chris commented. Marc made a correction to his Adult Ed. report: for the first session of adult Christian Ed. this September, Spiritual Types (not modes of worship) will be discussed.

Warden's Concerns: We had a lengthy discussion about church security and the locking of doors owing to the concerns from last year about church shootings. Our rector's warden, Sue Fain, reported that a survey of parishioners showed our community fairly evenly split about whether we should lock our doors or not. Some of the vestry thought that we should not lock the doors, so as to be welcoming. But the other issues—theft, which we have experienced fairly recently—and, especially, the safety of our children downstairs during the 10:30 service dictates that we be mindful of the patio doors. A consensus emerged—that we should lock the patio doors as we had been, but now wait a little longer—until after the Gloria is sung. One of the greeters will lock the patio doors at that time. Jan asked that Sue make the announcement during the announcement period at the end of our 10:30 service on Sunday, 8/19. The announcement will also be sent out in our Newsletter.

Old Business

Audiovisual review project: Nancy reported that there were 41 responses to the AV survey of our parishioners. Her reading of the responses suggested that there is not a sufficient clamor to merit getting new equipment. Most people seem satisfied with the basic capacity of being able to use a thumb drive to link with our system. Nancy observed that the chief difficulty was encountered when people brought in their own computers to link with the St. John's system. In that case, success is uncertain. Those who reported on their experience presenting a Powerpoint indicated a mixed result. It was wondered if a technician from VAST might visit and evaluate our system. Nancy observed that the system is old and is not up to speed with current technology. Jeff offered to investigate the system and create a manual for using the system. Chris suggested we secure a specialist to look at our system and make suggestions. But the problem remains that few if any technicians we might find would provide an unbiased report: “everyone

is selling something.” Nancy said she will see if she can get some help from the media specialist at Wabash.

New Business

Key Policy: In an effort to track down our keys, a list of keys with their numbers and known key holders was passed around and vestry members checked their key numbers against the number recorded for them on the list. We also discussed the key policy and decided, through the voting of a motion, that we would have those who rent Whitlock for an event be required to pay a \$10 deposit for a key, which deposit would be returned once the key is returned. But we decided that we would delete the requirement from the policy that a vendor providing a service for us also pay a deposit. (It seemed unlikely to us that a vendor would find such a deposit acceptable.)

Upcoming Dates, etc. to Note (provided by Rev. Jan):

9/8-23 [Rev. Jan will be away September 8-23. Rev. Bill Wieland will supply on Sept. 9 and 23; Rev. John Gedrick will supply on Sept. 16th \(John is the Diocesan Resource Officer\).](#)

9/9 [Formation for all ages begins. Choir returns to 10:30p service.](#)

9/16 [No Vestry as Rev. Jan is away](#)

10/21 [Vestry Meeting following 10:30am service](#)

Reminder: Rev. Jan Oller is available by cell phone: 765-225-8554 and email janet.oller@gmail.com

Parish Potluck: Char brought to our attention a planned Friday evening potluck in Whitlock for 6 pm on October 12th. She could use help for set up and clean up.

The vestry meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

--Respectfully submitted by Marc Hudson, clerk to the St. John's vestry, on 8/20/18