

St. John's Vestry Minutes for the December 15, 2019 meeting

Rev. Jan Oller called our meeting to order at Noon. Present were Vestry members: Nancy Bennett, Sheila Evans, Jim Gary, Jessica Roosa, Jennifer Snook, Deb Vaught and Alan White. John Culley, Treasurer, was also present.

Absent were Marc Hudson and Jeff Burd.

We opened with prayer led by Rev. Jan.

Minutes: The Minutes were reviewed and a motion made and seconded to approve as prepared. The Motion carried.

Financials: The Financial Report for November was presented. Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept the Financial Report. The Motion carried.

The Vestry moved to authorize John Culley to put surplus, if any, at the end of December into the Building Fund (reserve). This is consistent with past practice and builds up that fund for needed repairs that are not able to be covered by the regular Building Repairs line item in the Operating Budget.

John explained that when the books for 2019 are closed, monies will be moved from the Outreach Fund (the current balance will be reduced) to reflect Outreach expenditures in excess of the regularly budgeted line item amount. This is consistent with past practice as we have been encouraging Outreach to spend down the "Fund" balance which represents monies given to St. John's explicitly for Outreach.

John also noted that the Discretionary Fund has not been used in 2019. Because the Fund: Rector's Discretionary, has a positive balance that exceeds the 2019 budgeted line item, no action will be taken with respect to the 2019 line item (it will remain an unspent line item; our Canons require that a parish provide a Discretionary Account but do not require that it be spent if there is no need indicated to the Rector). The Vestry approved these explanations and decisions.

Liaison Reports were acknowledged.

Old Business:

Pathways to Vitality: Deb Vaught reported on upcoming events.

December 22: Anyone interested in Liturgy is invited to join in discussion on Sunday, Dec. 22nd, following the second service in the Library. Lunch will be provided.

January 5: Pathways Team will lead Adult Education soliciting ideas for ways in which St. John's can be more present/visible in the community.

January 6: The Pathways Team and the Vestry are invited to join Canon Kristin White @ 6pm in Whitlock Hall for a presentation of "Faith X" which will give us detailed demographic information that may be helpful to us in discerning who might be interested in St. John's that we have not reached out to. Rev. Jan will send out an invitation to which you are requested to respond in order to determine how much food to prepare for dinner.

January 16: The Pathways Team will be meeting in Indianapolis with the other Pathways Parishes for a workshop on Canonical Ministries.

Audit of 2019: Nothing to report at this time. When we get the Report from Norm Callahan, the Vestry will be advised, as the Vestry must accept the Report.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee for Vestry reported a slate of: Peggy Lohorn, Matt Wells, Christopher Short and Ellen Ball. A request is pending to another parishioner but a response has not been received at the time of the meeting.

New Business:

2020 Budget (Draft): John Culley presented the proposed budget for 2020 which shows a deficit of (\$1,060). No vote was taken at this time; that will occur at the January 19, 2020 meeting. A Budget Hearing is scheduled for January 14, 2020 at 6:30pm in Whitlock Hall (the Parish is invited to attend). There was discussion around several line items of the proposed budget.

Discussion was partly about the ability to adopt a deficit budget. The proposed budget reflect the loss of significant pledges through the death of parishioners in 2019 and one parishioner who is not pledging in 2020 due to changed financial circumstances. It is hoped that at the end of the year, St. John's will have a surplus but, obviously, unknown at this point.

Vestry Retreat: Rev. Jan requested dates that Vestry members would be available for a Vestry Retreat, especially since we have a new Diocesan requirement for a Mutual Ministry Review ("MMR") and because we did not have one in 2019 due to calendar conflicts. Tentative dates of February 1, 8, 15 were given as possible. Rev. Jan will contact Rev. Drew Downs (St. Stephens, Terre Haute) to determine if he is available on any of those dates to facilitate the MMR. As soon as she hears from him, she will advise the Vestry.

Safeguarding God's People: The Diocese has adopted a new/revised Safeguarding God's People policy. All Vestry members must take required modules, which once taken are "good" for 3 years. Rev. Jan will advise as she learns more about the new Policy and procedures for taking the modules online (only online training is available).

Gift for Sam Vaught upon his priesting (June 20, 2020): As noted last month, it is customary for the sponsoring parish (St. John's) to give a significant gift to the new priest. Sam has requested a red Chasuble to match the red Stole he was given at his Diaconal ordination. Tom Honderich, the artist, has advised he can make the Chasuble for \$1250 (it is red silk). Rev. Jan advised that this is a reasonable cost for a handmade Chasuble. Rev. Jan will solicit gifts in the spring. Any amount received over the cost will be given to Sam for his Discretionary fund.

After a review of the upcoming dates, a motion was requested to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:40pm.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Jan Oller