

St. John's Vestry Minutes for the January 19, 2020 Meeting

Rev. Jan Oller called our meeting to order at about 11:55 am. Present were vestry members, Nancy Bennett, Jeff Burd, Sheila Evans, Jim Gary, Marc Hudson, Jessica Roosa, Jennifer Snook, Deb Vaught, and Alan White. John Culley, our treasurer, was also present. We opened with a prayer led by Rev. Jan.

Minutes: Marc moved and Nancy seconded that the minutes for the December Vestry meeting be approved. The motion carried.

Financials: John reported on December 2019 financials and 2020 budget. He said we haven't yet received everything and so we don't have all the information yet that we need to close the books. But we have a sense of where we are going. We were able to put \$18,000 in the building fund. We also had a good December in terms of contributions. Some gave more, some less, but there is a sense of good will. People are stepping up. But we will need to postpone the approval of our December financials to the Vestry meeting after our Annual Meeting.

Deb Vaught asked how the expense of tearing down the Wheat House will affect our funds. Rev. Jan replied that we may need to do some fundraising at that time. Walden has estimated that the tear down of the Wheat House will cost about \$43,000 including the parts that Walden will not cover. We can pay for that from what we have in our building fund--but there will be additional expenses if we turn that area into gardens and green space: the cost of tearing up asphalt and landscaping, if we decide to turn that area into gardens.

Ellen Ball raised a question at the Budget Hearing about the small amount--\$100--budgeted for children and youth. She would like to take our young people to the Indianapolis Art Museum to view religious art and reckons that would cost at least \$150. Nancy, who is a docent at that museum, noted that the galleries devoted to the European art of the medieval and Renaissance periods--that is the periods which contain most of the religious art--will be closed until 2021-2022. Rev. Jan has invited Ellen to talk to Nancy.

Jessica Roosa asked about the proposed 2020 Budget \$1000 deficit--John replied that will carry over and is not of concern at this time.

We returned to a consideration of the informal December financial report. Nancy moved that the report be approved and Jim seconded. The motion carried.

Liaison Reports: were acknowledged.

Children's Christian Ed: Jennifer asked about Children's Ed. Kim Roberts stepped down as the person in charge last spring. This is a topic of great concern. Christopher and Jessica Short met with parents over the summer and the decision was that parents would rotate and be responsible for different weeks of Children's Ed. Christopher and Jessica have not decided if they will take on that ministry "full time." Jennifer asked about the older children--in fifth grade or older. Rev. Jan replied that no one yet has stepped up: we need someone who would be willing to lead Christian Ed. for our older children.

Old Business:

Pathways to Vitality Update: Deb Vaught reported on the work Christopher and his liturgy committee is doing. Deb says the work is going well and some exciting ideas are emerging. John Culley mentioned that we are considering having a call to worship. We are also seeking to use liturgy gender-free language. Deb mentioned the group looking at activities outside of our walls. She considers it an excellent group bringing different ideas to the table. The group will be meeting again on January 30th to decide on some options.

Audit 2019: John reported that we passed our audit. No comments from Norm Callahan (the auditor). As John puts it, "We are doing things according to Hoyle." The audit report was previously sent to the Vestry via email attachment. Sheila moved that the report be approved. Nancy seconded and the motion carried.

Vestry Retreat for 2020: This will take place from 9:30-Noon on Saturday, February 15 in Whitlock Hall. The Mutual Ministry Review, which is required by the Diocese, will be undertaken as the business of the Retreat. Rev. Jan asked that the folks leaving the vestry respond to question 5 and send the response to Jan prior to February 15th.

Rev. Drew Downs of St. Stephens, Terre Haute, will be coming here as a facilitator for the Mutual Ministry Review. Rev. Jan finds him energetic and believes he will be a good facilitator. She will then go to St. Stephens as facilitator for their Mutual Ministry Review later in 2020.

New Business:

Parochial Report for 2019: It is not yet done because we do not yet have the final financials.

North Parking Lot (by Wheat House): signage requested: Sam Hildebrand has noticed that people next door are not parking effectively by the Wheat House: sometimes the drive is blocked by cars. Sam asked that we approve putting a sign that indicates Church Parking only in that area. The Vestry approved Sam's request for a sign.

New Business:

Ordination of Sam Vaught to the Priesthood: Deb Vaught reported that Sam's ordination to the priesthood will take place at Christ Church Cathedral at 11am on June 20, 2020. Rev. Jan mentioned that Sam would like a red chasuble from the parish as a gift for his investiture as a priest.

Dates to Keep in Mind:

January 26th: Worship Service at 9 followed by pitch-in brunch and meeting. At the meeting we will elect three new vestry members to replace Nancy Bennett, Marc Hudson, and Alan White.

Jim moved and Jessica seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The vestry meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm. --
Respectfully submitted on January 19, 2020 by Marc Hudson, Clerk of the Vestry