

St. John's Episcopal Church, Sharon, PA
Vestry Minutes
January 9, 2017

Present: Al Seladi, Barb Lipinski, Keith Rowlands, Tracy Schliep, Adam Trambley, Gary Funderlich, Curt Myers, Madge Tamber

Absent:

Vestry met in the All Saint's Chapel with Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm

Vestry reconvened in the upstairs dining room at 7:25 pm.

The December 12, 2016 vestry minutes were reviewed. There was discussion concerning the wording of the Rector's Housing Allowance Resolution. A motion was made by Tamber to amend the fourth paragraph of the resolution to read:

"Resolved, that the compensation paid to Fr. Trambley from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 shall be a housing allowance of \$23,004 and \$57,206 of other compensation; and be it further"

Motion seconded by Myers. Motion carried unanimously.

The motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Meyers, second by Funderlich. Motion carried unanimously.

Fr. Trambley explained that from the \$57,206 of compensation, almost \$5,500 is used to pay FICA tax which the church does not pay.

Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed. The secretary's health insurance is still not included in the report. Rowlands has been in contact with Nick Baron who is able to update the system to have this included. The total 2016 paid for her health insurance was \$7,461 which is less than the \$10,312 surplus. For the year, \$16,000 of special funds were not used and we still have \$3,000 income over expenses at the end of the year. Pledge income for the year was down. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report with the addition of the secretary's health insurance made by Funderlich, second by Myers. Motion carried unanimously.

Fr. Trambley asked for feedback on the Christmas services. It was reported there were 14 at the 8 am service on Christmas morning and 35 at the 10 am service. The Christmas Eve family service had 100 in attendance and there were 150 at the midnight service. It was suggested that a donation be made to the Sharpsville Santa Club for the use of the Santa suit at the family service. There was discussion about moving the crèche from the back of the church to a more prominent position.

Potential vestry candidates were announced. There are three people who have committed to running. Requirements for candidates was discussed. The requirements will be published with the candidate's biographies. The annual meeting will be on January 29, 2017 between services in Allen Hall.

A proposal to build a base for the sign from Fiske was presented at a cost of \$5200. This would include tubes for electricity and a stone exterior. Rowland is to check on a second bid.

Fr. Trambley reported St. John's will be hosting a Diocesan prayer vigil from noon on March 17 until noon on March 18. He will be fasting the week of January 15. The NCD team will be meeting in February and a concrete plan to help the parish in improving loving relationships will be developed. In February, Funderlich will begin guiding vestry in strategic planning.

Curt Myers volunteered to install a handrail on the ramp in ECS.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 made by Tamber, second by Funderlich. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Lipinski, Clerk