

St. John's Episcopal Church, Sharon, PA
Vestry Minutes
October 10, 2016

Present: Al Seladi, Barb Lipinski, Keith Rowlands, Tracy Schliep, Adam Trambley, Gary Funderlich

Absent: Madge Tamber, Curt Myers

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

Vestry reconvened in the upstairs dining room at 7:24 pm.

A motion was made by Schliep to approve the September 12, 2016 vestry minutes. Second by Seladi. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed. Pledge and endowment income continue to be over budget. Total income is also above budget. Music expense will be over budget for the remainder of the year due to piano and organ maintenance performed earlier in the year. Christian Ed is below budget while office supplies are currently over budget. Plant expenses are well below budget. Rector's health/life insurance shows an overage caused by the timing of the premium payment. The secretary's health expense is not reflected. The treasurer is working to rectify that omission. Fr. Adam gave a brief explanation of the endowment income. Motion by Seladi to accept the Treasurer's report. Second by Lipinski. Motion passed unanimously.

With the goal of increasing the effectiveness of the vestry, Gary Funderlich was asked to present information on Vestry Governance. Based on his expertise and research on Episcopal Church Foundation Vital Practices he presented an overview of Governance including duties, responsibilities and application to St. John's. Future presentations will concern recruitment and strategic planning. Questions were asked and feedback was given.

Fr. Adam updated vestry on the Capital Campaign. He asked for direction concerning quotes to proposed additional items primarily addressing problems with Allen Hall. After much discussion it was decided Fr. Adam and Gary Funderlich would be meet with HHSDR and present them with pictures of problem areas and the quotes from Fiske. Bob Edeburn will be asked to attend.

Fr. Trambley shared results from the Christmas service survey. Based on responses we will have one service at 8am on Christmas morning.

The expected nursery worker did not work out. Fr. Adam has been communicating with possible person. There should be someone hired in the next couple of weeks.

There will be a Design Your Christmas Card event on October 23 at Gallery 29.

The blessing of pets has been cancelled for the time being as many are currently being held by other establishments.

Accessible seating is being worked on as well as the signs.

The Natural Church Development (NCD) team has met and should have something to present in the next couple of months.

Fr. Adam will be out of town October 25-31 probably without cell service. Martin Roth will be the Sunday celebrant.

Diocesan convention will take place November 4-5.

The confirmation class is looking to take a trip to the Dominican Republic as part of the Diocesan mission trip. This is open to all members of the parish.

The budget process will begin shortly.

All presented information requesting advertising in the Penn Ohio singers program.

Motion to adjourn at 9:19 made by Funderlich, second by Rowlands. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Lipinski, Clerk