

St. John's Episcopal Church, Sharon, PA
Vestry Minutes
September 12, 2016

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

Absent: Gary Funderlich

Vestry met at Jess's Junction at 7:00 beginning with a modified evening prayer.

A motion was made by Schliep to approve the August 8, 2016 vestry minutes. Second by Myers. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed. Pledge income is up by \$2,000. Endowment income is also up \$1700-\$1800. Total income is very good. Music expense is about the same due partly to piano and organ maintenance. Christian Ed is currently below budget, a \$400 curriculum bill is expected. Plant expenses are \$13,000 below budget. Overall, expenses were \$10,000 less than budgeted. Income over expenses are \$15,000 ahead. Tina's health expense is currently not reflected. Treasurer will check with Bob Edeburn about how to add that expense. Fr. Adam explained the rector's health/life insurance premiums. There is an overage showing caused by a difference in the way the premiums are paid vs how it is budgeted. Motion by Tamber to accept the Treasurer's report. Second by Seladi. Motion passed unanimously.

Parish picnic and 150th Anniversary Celebration was discussed. Both were well attended and feedback was positive. People like the update on the parish. Matthew Ciszek gave an informative presentation concerning the Reaching New People campaign. Laura Peretic, Curt and Cleo Myers and Madge Tamber were recognized for their work in preparing and organizing the events. Ron Garcilla and the choir were lauded for the music portion.

Tony Kropp and Jane Trambley are putting together an "Design Your Own" Christmas card event in October at Gallery 29. Jane Trambley is also working on a Blessings of the Animal at Pet Smart in November. Gary Funderlich is preparing a presentation about strategic planning and vestry organization/recruitment/training for October. There will be a Buhl Day service on Sept 5 at Oakland Cemetery. Some people prayed through the church this month. Confirmation class is starting Tuesday 9/13 and Sunday school for youth and adults begins on 9/18. Wednesday evening services are still in the planning. St. John's has a table at the Operation Capital City Banquet on September 20. Volunteers for removing the pew for accessible seating are being arranged. Signs are being worked on. The cost for the signs is lower than estimated but there will be some installation and electrical work needed. Total cost should be covered by donated money and be completed this fall. Diocesan Convention is November 4-5. Deputies are Gary Funderlich, Barb Lipinski, Donna Billioni and Lois Tamplin as an alternate.

Fr. Trambley will be at Diocesan clergy conference from September 28-30 and at meetings in Harrisburg October 4. He will be the speaker at St. Andrews in Pittsburgh October 7 for the Stewardship Dinner. Pastor Martin Roth will be the celebrant on October 16 while Fr. Adam is on vacation October 13-18.

Natural Church Development survey results were distributed and discussed. Noted scores included inspiring worship and integrating newcomer scores increasing and gift-based ministry and loving relationship scores decreased. Effective structures and empowering leadership scores went down as well. Conflict resolution appears to be our weakest factor. Some people (from vestry and the congregation) will be asked to meet and delve into how to improve our weakness. Tracy Schliep volunteered to be part of this group.

The next vestry meeting will be held back at St. John's.

Fr. Adam is having lunch at the Penn State cafeteria a couple times a week and will soon be going LTI. There was an inquiry into the cost of fixing the carillon. It can be played but not electronically. The cost to have it chime the hours is \$8,000-\$10,000 and \$40,000 to turn it into a bell playing piano. The bells and chimes all work. To keep all the parts functional Ron Garcilla will be asked to play it occasionally.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 made by Schliep, second by Myers. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Lipinski, Clerk