

Vestry Meeting Highlights November 26, 2018

John Simonelli led the opening prayer and spoke about his call to prison ministry.

We discussed matters brought to us by parishioners – about posting Jon’s sermons online, which he is now doing, and about keeping joys and concerns strictly about personal matters.

Stewardship reported that the net profit from the Beefsteak Dinner and Auction was \$6766.16 and the net profit from A Christmas Carol was \$316.00. They proposed possibly arranging a performance of A Christmas Carol next year at a date closer to Christmas, which the Vestry supports.

Outreach reported that so far this year we’ve donated \$5,200 to 5 local food pantries, and beginning this month to North Porch, that Gill has delivered coats to the Lakeland YMCA, that 4 have signed up to be knitters, that ERD has been added to our Christmas outreach giving, that we are planning to hold a special blessing when the Kinnelon Animal Shelter reopens next Spring, and that we would like to include ‘food loading helpers’ on the list of ways to help for outreach meals to the St. Paul’s Men’s Shelter.

We gave thanks for Mike Roehrer and his crew for the Fall clean-up, for Michael Kidney for taking on maintenance of the church sign and for his commitment to the knitting ministry, for the Budget & Finance Committee for preparing the 2019 budget, for all those who provided food and help for the Community Thanksgiving Service and A Christmas Carol, for Lee Moody for delivering the prison outreach gifts, and for the Rev Dr. Elizabeth Kaeton for facilitating the Vestry Mutual Ministry Review.

We reviewed the October Quickbooks reports and voted to accept them.

We reviewed the 2019 Budget prepared by the Budget & Finance Committee and voted to accept it.

The Property Committee reported that the Fall clean-up day addressed many areas both outside and inside the church, that the dampness issue in the sacristy has been addressed and is much improved, and that issues with the handicapped bathroom door, the outdoor electrical problem, and the driveway visibility are being addressed.

The Property Committee also recommended that we go forward with the work of replacing the sanctuary lights with LED bulbs and replacing the dimmer switches which control the lights, which the Vestry approved.

We amended and approved the December calendar.

Respectfully submitted,

John Simonelli, Senior Warden