

Vestry Meeting Highlights October 17, 2018

Irene Williams led the opening prayer and Mike Roehrer spoke about taking the time to focus on what's really important in life.

We discussed matters brought to us by parishioners – posting Jon's sermons online, missing citations in the skylight room, 'multiplying furniture' in the skylight room, missing minutes and reports on the parish website, and the declining numbers at the 10:00 AM service.

Stewardship reported on ticket sales for the Beefsteak Dinner, the \$45 net profit from the Yard Sale, the present status of the Financial Commitment Program, the importance of using the outdoor sign to promote parish events (ideally 3 weeks in advance), the reception and performance of Dickens' A Christmas Carol on November 24 – and that Stewardship is confident that we will exceed the budgeted fundraising amount for 2018.

Outreach reported that so far this year we've donated \$4,000 to 5 local food pantries, that we have received information on the Prison Ministry gifts for inmates' children's program, that North Porch is seeking a volunteer driver and would welcome our providing them with vouchers to use at the Food Bank, where they get \$10 worth of food and supplies for every dollar they receive, that Michael Kidney is arranging a knitters group to make items for Seamen's Institute, and that we are planning to hold a public blessing when the Kinnelon Animal Shelter reopens,

We voted to include North Porch in our outreach voucher program, bringing a total to 6 recipients, each receiving \$200 whenever we reach \$1,200 in donations.

We gave thanks for Mary Harbinsky and Nancy Moody for their work on the parish yard sale, Rich Dobson (driving and serving) and Michael Kidney (cooking) for the Men's Shelter, Jeanette Meyer and Rich Dobson for the beautiful bulletin boards, Marty Stanton for his technical expertise, Jeannette and Tony for the pet treat bags at St. Francis Day, and the K-Fest crew (Irene, Julie, Jenn, Mike, Rich, Mary and Marty).

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

We discussed and agreed on a Financial Stewardship follow-up procedure.

We discussed and noted the present status of the wardens and vestry.

The Property Committee reported that they are seeking to remedy the dampness problem in the sacristy, that they will start working on making the driveway more visible, that an electrician has made recommendations for improving the sanctuary lighting and the controls for same, and that they are in the process of getting quotes on a garbage disposal for the kitchen and air conditioning for the large skylight room, both to be paid for by private donors.

We amended and approved the November calendar.

Respectfully submitted,
John Simonelli, Senior Warden