

Vestry Meeting Highlights August 21, 2019

Mike Roehrer led the opening prayer and Kathy Kent spoke of different forms of spirituality she's encountered in her travels and had everyone make mandalas while we were meditating.

We discussed concerns from the congregation – the need to replace the worn outdoor Episcopal Flag; too much noise in the narthex before the 10:00 AM service; the possibility of having more familiar hymns in summer when the choir isn't leading the congregation.

The Stewardship Commission reported that we netted \$218 from the wine and cheese pairing; that the Thrill of The Grill on September 7th is coming along well and publicity has been sent out; that Stewardship will coordinate the reception following the Celebration of New Ministry which Julie Dolci and Bonnie Hook have offered to 'host'; that Stewardship will host the brunch on September 22nd which kicks off the financial stewardship campaign; that St. David's will be participating in K-Fest on September 28th and the Town Wide Garage Sale on October 5th.

The Outreach Committee reported that year to date we have distributed \$4,800 in outreach vouchers, that as part of their outreach speakers program the Rev. Sharon Halesman will be speaking about her prison ministry on September 15th, and that Gill Otto will take gently used coats to the YMCA for their annual coat collection. They recommended that this year's holiday Vestry letter names Willing Hands, the Interfaith Coalition for Morris County, and Episcopal Relief and Development as recipients of our holiday outreach. All were in favor.

The Budget & Finance Committee reported that they had met and reviewed the Quickbooks reports through July and were pleased with where we stand and that they reviewed the key dates for the financial stewardship campaign. They would like us to send out 3rd quarter pledge statements if feasible because these serve as a reminder for folks who may have inadvertently fallen behind.

We gave thanks for the Rev. George Wong for covering for Jon while he was away; for Marty Stanton and John Simonelli for their additional work during Jon's vacation; for Julie Dolci and Mike Roehrer for their expert handling of the tree emergency; for Michael Kidney, for serving as chalice

bearer and on altar guild for the DeVincenzo wedding; for Guy Baskinger for cleaning and repairing all our grills; for Nancy Moody for filling in as substitute musician during Sal's vacation; for Jon and Michael for opening their home for the parish barbeque; for Ed Horton and Bonnie Hook for all their hard work fine-tuning the financial reports; and for Mike Roehrer for his diligence chairing the Property Committee.

We reviewed and accepted the July Quickbooks reports.

We approved the 2020 Financial Stewardship materials – cover letter, amended tri-fold, and pledge form.

The Property Committee reported that the fallen limb has been removed from the rectory lawn and that the rest of the tree will be removed shortly; that all flat roofs, drains and gutters have been cleaned and cleared; that the driveway visibility issue has been successfully addressed; and that short term and long term problems of the buildings and grounds are being assessed and prioritized.

We approved the removal cost for the remaining part of the tree on the rectory lawn.

We amended and approved the September and Church Year calendars.

Respectfully submitted,

John Simonelli, Senior Warden