**Vestry Meeting Highlights December 18, 2019**

Mary Harbinsky led the opening prayer and Marty Stanton reflected on how he was inspired at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine when the sub dean, Joel Gibson, brought communion to a multiply-handicapped woman named Jeanette before serving the rest of the congregation – an example to him of Christ’s message that the last shall be first..

We discussed concerns from the congregation – needed redirection of the downspout in front of the church; noise in the narthex before the service; the uneven heating in the church.

The Stewardship Commission reported that A Christmas Carol netted almost $400, and that they have received some new ideas for future fundraisers from parishioners and are hoping to receive more.

The Outreach Committee reported that they are seeking unique giving opportunities from our outreach recipients and that they are seeking volunteers for Family Promise. It was noted that Jeanette Meyer-DeVincenzo prepared and donated Christmas gifts for all the men at St. Paul’s Shelter.

We gave thanks for Steve & Jeanne Grieshaber & John Simonelli for serving at St. Paul’s and for Dale Pappas all who prepared the meal; for Jeanette Meyer-DeVincenzo for donating gifts for all the men at the shelter; for Sal and Katherine and all the singers and participants at the Community Service of Thanksgiving; for Sal and the carolers and John for preparing the reception for them; for Guy Baskinger and Mike Roehrer for their response to the winter storm damage; for Nancy & Lee Moody for delivering the prison ministry gifts; for Michael Kidney for delivering the gifts to Seaman’s Church Institute; for Pat Hodde for delivering donations to North Porch; for all the parishioners who provided Christmas outreach gifts; for Jon Richardson for arranging a new piano for the choir room; for Gill for her 9-1/2 years of service; and for the outgoing Vestry members for their faithful service.

We retroactively voted to approve the purchase of a new piano for the choir room.

We voted to approve the Rector’s 2020 housing allowance.

We noted the Parish Administrator’s pending retirement at the end of January and will plan a celebratory coffee hour in her honor.

We reviewed and accepted the November Quickbooks reports and reviewed the Treasurer’s notes about same.

The Property Committee reported that they are still cleaning up the winter storm damage, that they are reviewing the recent snow removal cost, and that beginning in January Kinnelon will be switching to dual stream recycling.

We approved the January calendar as presented.

We recognized and thanked the outgoing Vestry members – Mike Roehrer, Pat Hodde, Kathy Kent, and John Simonelli.

Respectfully submitted,

John Simonelli, Senior Warden