

## **Vestry Meeting Highlights – February 18, 2016**

Following the opening prayer led by John Simonelli, Lee Moody led a lively discussion on the transforming power of spirituality, and the differences between spirituality and religion.

We discussed issues brought up by the congregation, including the invitation to say the Lord's Prayer in whatever language is most familiar for individual congregants, and the reason why we use more introspective music during Lent.

Dale Pappas-Wilhelm, representing the Guiding Team, reported on their progress on the parish 'experiment' as well as their online meeting with Diocesan staff in that regard.

Dale, representing the ad hoc Committee on Outreach, reported on their recent meeting in which they reviewed our current outreach programs. We then voted to empower this Committee to hold a parish meeting to discuss our present and future outreach efforts.

We offered thanks for Kathy & Steve Kent for the Tasting Event and Debbie & Mike Roehrer for the Pancake Supper, as well as all those who helped make these two events successful. We also offered thanks for the Kinnelon Reformed Church's *Precious Playtime* program for special needs children and their parents.

David gave updates on the *Kids' Time* and *Youth Time* programs, as well as his adaptive challenges in his leadership role in the Going Local process.

We reviewed and approved the Treasurer's report for January, and voted to make Mike Roehrer an additional second signatory on the checking account.

We reviewed and approved the 2015 Annual Parochial Report

We reviewed and approved the Easter outreach letter.

We approved Lee Moody to review the present Vestry bylaws.

We amended and approved the church calendar for March.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Simonelli, Senior Warden