

Vestry Meeting Highlights – March 17, 2016

Following the opening prayer led by Julie Dolci, Jennifer Trevisan spoke on how she's become a more spiritual and better person because of her relationship with her sister.

We discussed issues brought up by the congregation – that folks are pleased to see that the Lord's Prayer is now included in the service leaflet, and that we still need better signage for the parking lot entrance.

Dale Pappas-Wilhelm, representing the Going Local Guiding Team, reported on their March 5 meeting with other congregations in Newark where they discussed St. David's experiment, which they will present to the congregation and invite them to participate. Also on the horizon in our Going Local efforts are a road clean-up on April 16th and the K-Fest on October 1st.

Dale, representing the ad hoc Committee on Outreach, reported on their recent meeting in which they proposed meeting with the congregation to see which areas of outreach are of greatest interest, and to emphasize the need for hands-on, more relational outreach efforts. They also discussed reviewing our outreach recipients, and showing the cash value of outreach grocery cards as an outreach expenditure on the books.

We offered thanks for the members of the Going Local Guiding Team, the members of the ad hoc Committee on Outreach, and the grocery card sellers. We also offered thanks for Jim Caputo, Diocesan Property Manager.

David reported that 3 of our youths (Dominique Molee, Jake Stanton and Paige Verroca) will be confirmed at our Cathedral on Saturday, April 16 and will be recognized by the Parish on Sunday, April 24.

David asked the Vestry to consider forming a committee to oversee the welcoming and incorporation of newcomers.

He noted that The Rev. Dr. Shane Phelan will be guest priest on Sunday, June 26 when he is on vacation.

And he reported that the Kinnelon mayor has asked if we would consider taking over the Borough's food pantry, and David and several Vestry members will be meeting with the mayor after Easter to discuss this further.

We reviewed and approved the Treasurer's report for February, and everything appears to be on track.

Julie Dolci, representing the Property Committee, reported that we have received a \$6,450 Bishop's Emergency Church Fund grant from the Diocese for window and door repair at the rectory. She also noted that we are still in the running for a Ward J. Herbert Grant for the rectory roof, soffits and leaders, which have already been completed.

We approved Lee Moody's draft for a change to the bylaws which reflects our current practices regarding committees. This change will be voted on at the April meeting.

We amended and approved the church calendar for April.

Respectfully submitted,
John Simonelli, Senior Warden