

Vestry Meeting Highlights – October 20, 2016

The opening prayer was led by Dale Pappas Wilhelm followed by a meditation by John Simonelli on seeing the face of Christ in a chance encounter at an Ohio prison.

We discussed concerns from the congregation: driveway visibility at night, the need for new folding chairs and trolleys, and the need to test the generator

Dale Pappas Wilhelm & Irene Williams, reporting for the Guiding Team, noted that K-fest was a great success – a good opportunity to interact with the community - and that St. David's was the only church represented.

John Simonelli, reporting for the Stewardship Commission, noted that there were still 25 pledge forms outstanding, and that the Vestry would be following up with those on their respective lists. He discussed fundraising plans for 2017, which may include a fish & chips dinner and a beer and food pairing. Reporting for the Budget & Finance Committee he noted that new leases for our tenants have been drawn up and that current certificates of insurance are on file. He also commended Irene, Julie and Bonnie for their hard work in producing easy to understand Quickbook reports, which were distributed at the Committee meeting and to the Vestry.

Julie Dolci will be drafting a job description for our new Assistant Treasurer (Bonnie Hook) and determining whether we can combine that position with Pledge Secretary.

We offered thanks for Nancy Moody for being our interim music director, Mary Harbinsky for coordinating the baskets for the auction, Mike Roehrer and Guy Baskinger for fixing the kitchen refrigerator, Mike Roehrer, for taking on sexton duties while Guy was away due to his father's death, and all who participated in K-Fest.

David's report noted that he completed the anti-racism dialogues and found it very helpful. He will be attending the clergy conference this week focusing on 'poverty, privilege and race'. He reported that the newly formed Outreach Committee will be discerning a more hands-on outreach project for the congregation possibly focusing on education given the fact that several schools are in our neighborhood. Mutual Ministry Review for all Vestry members will take place on November 5th led by the Rev. Joseph Harmon. There will be a single service on November 6th for the baptism of Matteo Mark Grieder. We will be contracting with GCS Consultants in Kinnelon to address office computer upgrades and issues through the end of the year. Our music director search is interviewing candidates. David is planning a social justice focused adult education / spiritual formation program for this year, with a similar focus for a Lenten program. He reminds us to consider the "Gifts for Life" catalog from Episcopal Relief & Development when Christmas shopping.

We reviewed and approved the Treasurer's report for September.

Mike Roehrer, reporting for the Property Committee, reminded us that Fall clean up day is November 12th for both inside and out, and noted that he will be addressing the ongoing problem with the alarm system.

We voted to confirm the expenditure for music director advertising.

We amended and approved the church calendar for November.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Simonelli, Senior Warden