

Vestry Meeting Highlights – December 15, 2016

The opening prayer was led by John Simonelli followed by reminiscences of her late Episcopal priest uncle and aunt offered by Jennifer Trevisan. Jennifer also had us crafting decorated safety pins, the wearing of which symbolically shows support for the vulnerable in our midst.

We discussed concerns from the congregation, specifically the cold church – and it was noted that the gaps in the right front exit door have been addressed and the thermostat programming is being looked into.

Irene Williams, reporting for the Guiding Team, wondered if and how the congregation was responding to the question that was posed every week since November 20th, which prompted a discussion about folks possibly feeling awkward about sharing how they had reached out to others.

Jennifer Trevisan, reporting for the Stewardship Commission, reported that they are working on the Tasting / Paring event scheduled for February 4th.

We voted to approve the proposed 2017 budget that was prepared by the Budget & Finance Committee and shared with the parish. We also voted to approve taking half of the year-end surplus and adding to our endowment fund, and applying the other half to the 2017 budget, thereby allowing us to begin the new year without a deficit.

We voted to approve the 2017 vestry slate proposed by the Nominating Committee, and to approve the agenda and January 15, 2017 date for the annual meeting of the parish.

We amended and approved the minutes from the November meeting.

In his report David thanked the Barkers for offering the Advent wreath, Dale Wilhelm for cleaning up the mess in the stove, Mary-Esther Arther and John Simonelli for leading the Budget Forum, Ed Horton and John Simonelli for working on the Willing Hands lease, the members of the Outreach Committee, Doris Snyder for her Advent reflections, Sondra Odian for coordinating the Book Group, the members of the Music Director Search Committee, the members of the Nominating Committee, Julie Dolci and Mike Roehrer for getting bids for replacement windows for the rectory, for our Staff members Gill, Nancy and Guy, and for members of the Vestry.

David reported that the Music Director search appears to be in its final phase, and that the Christmas Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion service scheduled for New Year's Day at 10:00 AM will have a full complement of readers.

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

Mike Roehrer, reporting for the Property Committee, reiterated that the cold church issue is being addressed, that reflectors for the driveway have been ordered, and that improvements to the alarm system are still being researched.

As this was Rich Dobson's last meeting he shared what a wonderful experience it was to serve on the Vestry, how it not only taught him how St. David's operates, what leadership is and how hard leadership works, but also taught him how to be a more spiritual person.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Simonelli, Senior Warden