

Vestry Meeting Highlights – February 15, 2017

The opening prayer was led by John Simonelli followed by a spirited spiritual discussion led by Christine Rudolphi based on a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson that she reads every day, which we would also like to share with the congregation: “Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day. You shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.”

We discussed concerns from the congregation, specifically leaving the ladies’ room door open between uses during the cold months and the dreary condition of the men’s room, and the ‘discovery’ of a toggle switch to change the direction of the church fans in winter.

Irene Williams, reporting for the Guiding Team, noted that the Team met with Mayor Collins to discuss the Wish Board from K-Fest. The Mayor reported that they are working on getting a community center built on Boonton Avenue in the near future. Irene added that there will be K-fest again in 2017 – and that Doris Snyder is acting as a diocesan coach for Going Local.

John Simonelli, reporting for the Stewardship Commission, noted that we netted \$3,287.15 from the Pairing Event and that we are all set with the Fish & Chips Supper on Saturday, March 11th.

We approved the minutes from the January meeting.

We approved the 2016 parochial report and tabled approval of the 2016 audit until the March meeting.

David offered thanks for Mike Odian for maintaining the outside sign board, for Nancy moody for her service as interim music minister, for Kathy and Steve Kent for making our pairing event a great success, for Ed Horton and Mary-Esther Arther for completing the annual parish audit, for Caroline Mossip and Mary-Esther Arther for completing the annual parochial report, and for Jennifer Trevisan, Dale Pappas and John Simonelli for being our convention deputies. He noted that the Ash Wednesday services will be at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM (with music), that the Lenten book study will continue the theme of Dignity with the book “American’s Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America” by Jim Wallace. He also requested a few volunteers for a new Reception Committee to coordinate catered lunch receptions in the church hall after funerals or other such events, which Christine Rudolphi and John Simonelli accepted.

We reviewed and approved the Treasurer’s report and financial reports for January.

Mike Roehrer, reporting for the Property Committee, noted that replacement of the rectory windows left over from adopt-a-project will soon take place, as will repair of the sidewalks along the front of the church and hall. He added that Spring cleaning will be handled by parishioners as there is no need for a landscaper until Fall, that the cracks

appearing in the newly sealed parking lot and driveways will be re-sealed, and that the ongoing issue with leaking skylights in the large skylight room will be addressed.

To discourage traffic from using the sexton's private we approved the installation of a "one-way do not enter" sign on the church side of the drive, which will not apply to church attendees.

David DeSmith, reporting for the Outreach Committee, noted that they have met several times and are considering having a community garden on our property. They have been reviewing our present outreach recipients and have also discussed getting in relationship with the neighbors we are assisting.

We amended and approved the March calendar.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Simonelli, Senior Warden