**Vestry Meeting Highlights**

**Wednesday, April 19, 2017**

The opening prayer was led by John Simonelli and Jennifer Trevisan led the spiritual moment with reminiscences of her late college friend Larisa.

Christine Rudolphi volunteered to be our lay representative to the Episcopal Nominating Committee for the search for a new bishop.

We discussed the transition process from David’s departure to the hiring of a new rector, including ways we will be keeping the parish informed.

We discussed concerns from the Congregation: that service leaflets should include the words ‘standing as able’ where appropriate, and that political soliciting following services should be prohibited.

Stewardship reported that the dress-up social will be held on May 20th, that they will be making the arrangements for David’s farewell luncheon on June 25th, and that the beer and food pairing (Thrill of the Grill) will take place on September 9th

We elected 3 diocesan convention deputies for 2 year terms (2018 and 2019) – Rich Dobson, Julie Dolci and John Simonelli.

In his report David gave thanks for all who made the Holy Week and Easter services special, including the musicians and choir, the altar guild, and St. David’s players, and for those who contributed to the Agape supper. He thanked Mike Roehrer for serving as sexton while Guy was on vacation. We added thanks for the beautiful Good Friday evening service, our faithful photographers, and our outreach opportunity at St. Paul’s Men’s Shelter. David noted that he has 2 exit interviews scheduled per diocesan guidelines. He reported that we have a new (additional) AA group that will meet on Wednesday evenings and that we will have new member recognition at the coffee hour on April 30th.

Pat Hodde, Irene Williams and Dale Pappas-Wilhelm reported that they attended and learned much at Vestry University, which was also attended by Sondra Odian and Bonnie Hook.

Mike Roehrer, reporting for the Property Committee, noted that spring clean-up will take place on Saturday, April 22nd

Dale Pappas-Wilhelm, reporting for the Outreach Committee, reported that David Watson Hallowell of Apple Acres in West Milford met with the Committee to discuss what’s required to start and sustain a community garden.

We reviewed and approved the March Treasurer’s and Financial reports. It was noted that half-year pledge statements will be issued at the end of June.

We amended and approved the May calendar

Respectfully submitted

John Simonelli, Senior Warden