

Saint John's Episcopal Church Vestry 26 September 2018

Present: Cathey Dowdle, Bill Cheney (for Finance Committee), Karen Duignan, David Dennehy, Linda Longoria-Neff, Diane Gustafson, Claudia Dalrymple, Jim McDevitt, Judy McKay, Mark Jordan

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Senior Warden Karen Duignan. Rev. Cathey Dowdle gave the opening prayer.

Following a brief Executive Session, Karen Duignan announced that David Dennehy has been elected People's Warden by the Vestry.

Mark Jordan moved, David Dennehy seconded approval of the August minutes as amended, and the motion passed.

Karen Duignan pointed out that the by-laws need to be revised for several reasons, including our no longer having the School, and this will be worked on in the new year. Vestry should also consider whether the Senior Warden should chair the meetings.

Financial report

Bill Cheney presented the report on behalf of the Finance Committee. In future meetings the entire report will be sent electronically to Vestry members before meetings, and at the meetings only the summary and Profit/Loss reports will be covered. The Committee is looking at options for the \$75,000 that is sitting in an account. They are considering Episcopal Church Foundation, which is where the Diocese has its endowment funds, as well as a non-church affiliated investment company. David Dennehy moved, Linda Longoria-Neff seconded filing this financial report for audit.

David Marshall is being paid, per his contract, until December 31, and the Diocese is paying one-half. If he secures another position before then, the payments stop.

David Marshall's church credit card (in the safe) needs to be cancelled, and we need credit cards for Buildings and Maintenance and for Hospitality.

Stewardship

There will be one service at 9 a.m. on Sunday, October 21, followed by a Spiritual Gifts assessment and light refreshments. Again on Sunday, November 18 there will be one service at 9 a.m. and the ingathering of pledges, followed by a potluck.

New Business

The Chula Vista Garden Club (60-100 members) are losing their meeting space starting in June while the Bonita Library will be renovated. They have asked to meet in Nale Hall. More information is needed, such as dates/times/frequency of their

meetings. Saint John's needs to have procedures for the use of Nale Hall, including the set up and replacement of chairs and tables.

Discussion followed about putting Jonathan Fry on retainer. At the present time we are paying him for projects. He doesn't want to be moving chairs and tables or similar tasks. It was suggested that we ask the cleaning group if they would be able to set up and break down tables and chairs.

Old Business

Jonathan Fry will program the key fobs.

Sally Elliott is preparing a letter that promises that we will not use the PA system for any announcements other than fire-related.

The Parish Profile draft was given to Vestry members for perusal. The addition of Fr. Tom Wilson for the next few months allows us more time to prepare the profile for the Diocese to use in publicizing our Priest-in-charge vacancy.

Other

Cheryl Seppala reported that there are spiders in the organ area. Karen Duignan will contact McKee (property manager) about this.

Mark Jordan got a second bid on the work needed for the baptismal font pump. It was \$1370, far above Jamie Attaway's bid of \$1100. David Dennehy moved, Mark Jordan seconded to give the work to Attaway, and the motion passed. Mark Jordan reported that if the church buys a new water heater, it can be installed it for \$200.

ECS has asked for more parking spaces and would like to use the turf area. The turf would have to be removed. This would cost \$38,000 and would be paid for by ECS. No decision was reached on this issue.

A proposal to sell the Saint John's coffee mugs was tabled.

Cathey Dowdle distributed flyers about the Diocesan Leadership Academy to be held at St. Bartholomew's on Saturday, February 23. Discussion followed, but no decision, about subsidizing registration (\$25) of new Vestry members.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Diane Gustafson, Clerk of Vestry