

## **Saint John's Episcopal Church Vestry 24 October 2018**

Present: Karen Duignan, David Dennehy, Tom Wilson, Terry Farrelly, Cathey Dowdle, Linda Longoria-Neff, Diane Gustafson, Judy McKay, Jim McDevitt, Mark Jordan

Absent: Claudia Dalrymple (ill)

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. by Senior Warden Karen Duignan. Tom Wilson offered the opening prayer.

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

In an effort to reduce paper, financial reports were sent to all Vestry members electronically, and only the summary page was distributed in hard copy at the meeting for discussion. (Complete financial report is filed with these minutes in the Vestry binder in the Church office.) The overall report is good; we are paying our bills and have some leftover.

Terry Farrelly and Sally Elliott will meet with the Financial Committee to produce a budget for next year. The Committee meets at 3 p.m. on the Thursday before each Vestry meeting.

It had been decided earlier in the year that the first \$7000 from fundraisers would go to maintenance needs, and no group could fundraise for themselves until that amount had been achieved. So far fundraising has produced \$6925.

Any group wishing to have a fundraiser should start by getting the event onto the calendar, either by calling Maria Love in the office or attending a Parish Council meeting, followed by a brief written request to the Vestry.

Mark Jordan moved, David Dennehy seconded to accept the financial report, and the motion passed.

The Parish Profile is finished and will be submitted electronically to the Diocese on Monday, October 29. The process for hiring a new Priest-in-Charge begins then. David Dennehy moved, Jim McDevitt seconded to accept Tom Wilson's contract, and the motion passed. Tom will be working 20 hours/week at one-half of what we would be paying a full-time priest. He will take over pastoral care.

The Bonita Garden Club will meet in Nale Hall one Wednesday morning per month while the Bonita-Sunnyside Library is closed for renovation. The Club will take over the care of our garden and will donate roses. The Club also will talk to ECS about planting vegetables for the children.

David Dennehy reported on the joint meeting with ECS held yesterday and will send those minutes to Vestry members.. Open communication was established, and it was a successful meeting. ECS wants to use Nale Hall for their general meetings on the third Wednesday evening of each month 4-8 p.m. (but November 28 because of Thanksgiving) The joint meetings between ECS and the Church will be held on the fourth Tuesdays. David Dennehy moved, Mark Jordan seconded to accept the use of Nale Hall by ECS on third Wednesdays, and the motion passed.

Karen Duignan reported that the tree (near the basketball court) that hangs over onto an adjoining property must be trimmed. Tom Wilson will give Karen some names to call, and we will get three bids.

David Dennehy as People's Warden called for a Standing Committee for Building and Grounds and Property Management. There will be five members; David and Mark Jordan will represent the Vestry.

Pledge letters and pledge cards will go out by November 1. Space on the card will be provided for listing the pledger's top three spiritual gifts. Ingathering of pledges will be held on November 18 with one service at 9 a.m. followed by a potluck. Meat will be provided, and Diane Gustafson will create a sign-up sheet for side dishes and desserts.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Diane Gustafson, Clerk of Vestry