

Saint John's Episcopal Church Vestry
23 January 2019

Present: (Vestry) David Dennehy, Karen Duignan, Mark Jordan, Jim McDevitt
Fr. Tom Wilson
Terry Farrelly, Treasurer
Diane Gustafson, Clerk
Absent: (Vestry) Judy McKay

The meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m. by David Dennehy, People's Warden. Fr. Tom Wilson offered the opening prayer.

Mark Jordan moved, Jim McDevitt seconded approval of the December meeting minutes as amended, and the motion passed.

Terry Farrelly gave the Financial Report (filed with these minutes in the Vestry Minutes Binder in the Church Office). The average pledge is \$2000. If we were to break even without looking at other contributions, the average pledge would be \$2500. Therefore, we must do fundraising. (If we didn't have money coming in from the ECS lease, the average amount needed from each pledging unit would be \$4000.) We need a priest who will help us as a church to grow. Terry recommends the book Penguins in the Pew. Mark Jordan moved, Karen Duignan seconded to approve the 2019 budget, and the motion passed.

Old Business:

A slate of three candidates for Vestry was approved. They are Pamela Brittain, Ray Contreras, and Diane Gustafson. Diocesan Convention delegates will be chosen at the Annual Meeting; the November 7-8 event will take place at St. Margaret's in Palm Desert, necessitating a hotel stay for Friday and Saturday nights. At the Annual Meeting two candidates, David Dennehy and Jim McDevitt, will be nominated. A third plus two alternates will be needed.

Jim McDevitt and Karen Duignan haven't finished their work on marriage information for couples contemplating wedding ceremonies at St. John's, so the matter was tabled.

The Priest-in-Charge Calling Committee was discussed. Five to seven members are needed. Rev. Laura Sheridan-Campbell will speak at the Annual Meeting about the Committee and the status of our search. There are nine churches in the San Diego Diocese looking for clergy.

The Vestry Retreat will be held on a Saturday in March, date to be determined, at a venue away from Saint John's. At that time Rev. Laura Sheridan-Campbell will facilitate a Vital Teams Day, a process well-known in the Diocese.

New Business:

The Annual Meeting agenda was reviewed. Sign-in sheets are not needed. Maria Love will determine that there are at least thirty pledging members as required for a quorum. The entire Vestry, new and present members, will be installed at both services on February 3.

The Hilltop Al-Anon group (6 – 12 members) asked if Saint John's could host them on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. Since Bible Study meets that evening, this group could use Nale Hall. They would make a donation for use of the facility. The Wardens and Fr. Tom Wilson agreed, and the Al-Anon group will meet at the Church starting in February. No food, drink, or smoking will be allowed. David and Linda Dennehy cleared a cabinet for the group's use to store paperwork. The group will be given a key and pass code, and they will come and go through the back gate.

David Dennehy will prepare a suggestion box for parishioners.

Fr. Tom Wilson gave the Priest's report. There will not be soup suppers on Wednesdays during Lent, just the Stations of the Cross. A new nursery attendant for second service, Liz Andersen Stahl, will start the first Sunday in February.

David Dennehy gave the People's Warden's report. There are termites in the Church now. Fr. Tom is working with McKee to get someone to look at the problem. Saint John's had previously had a contract for termite inspection on a regular basis, but it was allowed to lapse. Once the termite problem is taken care of, we will once again have regular inspections by contract. Jonathan Fry cleaned the garbage cans and set traps for rodents. Dennehy reported on bids for tree removal and pruning; one final bid is expected next week. Priority 1 is the tree outside the entrance to the Church; most of that tree is dead and a large branch came down during a recent storm. Also in Priority 1 is the tree in the Columbarium area, which could damage the Columbarium. Priority 2 is the tree on K Street. One bid is for less than \$10,000 and includes all the sycamores and the palm tree by the classrooms. We will ask the Diocesan Property Committee for some help in paying for this; we need three bids to go to them.

Fr. Tom Wilson talked to McKee about the gutters (cleaning and screening). McKee will send someone out, and we should have a bid soon.

Senior Warden Karen Duignan discussed the gifts to be given to the CJA team at the Annual Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Diane Gustafson, Clerk of Vestry