

Saint John's Episcopal Church Vestry 27 February 2019

Present: Fr. Tom Wilson

 Terry Farrelly, Treasurer

(Vestry) Karen Duignan, David Dennehy, Diane Gustafson, Judy McKay, Jim McDevitt, Ray Contreras, Pamela Brittain, Lynn Young

Mark Jordan attended via telephone while recuperating at home

Guest: Joanna Ward

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Senior Warden Karen Duignan.

Guest Joanna Ward called attention to the non-working AED. David Dennehy reported that Bill Cheney is looking into it and that training for the AED will be set up. Joanna also alerted Vestry to an opportunity to visit a facility in Chula Vista for memory-challenged adults.

Lynn Young was elected to fill the remaining two years of Linda Longoria-Neff's term. David Dennehy was elected People's Warden and Diane Gustafson Clerk. Meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Vestry approved an extension of Fr. Tom Wilson's time at St. John's until a Letter of Agreement with someone to fill the Priest-In-Charge position has been signed.

In order to more quickly inform the parish of actions taken at Vestry meetings, the Clerk will send draft minutes to all Vestry members and set a deadline for corrections, usually within 48 hours of the emailing. Lack of response will be counted as approval of the minutes as submitted. Pamela Brittain moved approval of this new procedure, David Dennehy seconded, and the motion passed.

Terry Farrelly presented the financial report, which is filed in the Vestry Minutes binder in the church office after approval of the minutes. The Finance Committee recommends that there be an audit review for this year instead of a complete audit. Saint John's has had a complete audit in each of the past two years, and, according to Diocesan guidelines, an audit review is sufficient for this year. David Dennehy moved to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Ray Contreras seconded, and the motion passed.

David Dennehy moved, Pamela Brittain seconded to approve \$5000 for expenses to be incurred by the Calling Committee. Since Fr. Tom Wilson will continue at 50% for most or all of this year, the savings from the salary for a full-time priest will make that possible.

Former Bishop James Mathes had opened an account with the Episcopal Church Foundation for each church in the Diocese. Our account has \$250. The Finance

Committee recommends investing \$2000 in that account (a mutual fund of stocks and bonds). The fund is uninsured, and the question arose as to whether or not the Vestry would comply with its fiduciary duty by investing funds in a non-insured FDIC account. Treasurer Terry Farrelly took the item off the table.

OLD BUSINESS:

The draft Priest-in-Charge Calling Committee Charge was reviewed. Pamela Brittain moved, Lynn Young seconded approval of the amended charge, and the motion passed. Lynn Young was elected Vestry member on the Calling Committee. Volunteers for the Calling Committee were reviewed. Cathey Dowdle, Muriel Kulikowski, and Linda Longoria-Neff were asked, and subsequently agreed, to serve as a committee to wordsmith the parish profile.

All Vestry members must complete an online assignment, Safeguarding God's People, by the end of May.

Fr. Tom Wilson submitted his priest's report in writing, and it is appended to these minutes. The Senior Warden had no report.

David Dennehy, People's Warden, reported having met with ECS the day before this Vestry meeting. Binders for each Vestry member will be presented at the March meeting.

The Vestry will hold a retreat from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 25 at a location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Diane Gustafson, Clerk of Vestry