

## **Saint John's Episcopal Church Vestry 28 November 2018**

Present: Fr. Tom Wilson, Karen Duignan, David Dennehy, Linda Longoria-Neff, Judy McKay, Jim McDevitt, Mark Jordan, Claudia Dalrymple, Terry Farrelly, Diane Gustafson

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. A brief Bible study followed the opening prayer offered by Fr. Tom Wilson.

Mark Jordan moved, Claudia Dalrymple seconded acceptance of the minutes of the October meeting as submitted, and the motion passed.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Terry Farrelly presented the financial report. Copies of the summary report were distributed; all others were sent electronically. All reports are filed with the minutes in the Vestry binder. Fifty-two pledges have been received for a total of \$110,307, and Vestry members will send thank-you notes to those parishioners. Letters were sent from the Office to those who had pledged last year but have not yet for 2019. There were pledges from eight people/families who had not pledged last year.

Kidder Matthews will be paid off in eighteen months.

### **PRIEST'S REPORT**

Fr. Tom Wilson distributed copies of a resolution stating how much of his compensation can be attributed to his housing allowance (for tax purposes). Mark Jordan moved, Jim McDevitt seconded acceptance of this, and the motion passed.

Guidelines for weddings at Saint John's had been sent electronically to the Vestry. After discussion, an ad hoc committee of Jim McDevitt and Karen Duignan was created, and they will report at the January meeting.

Fr. Tom Wilson reported on his activities since November 1.

The Parish Profile has not yet been posted with the Diocese due to problems with input. Jim McDevitt moved, Judy McKay seconded retention of Fr. Wilson until the end of April so that the search for a permanent priest will proceed with full force. The motion passed.

Fr. Wilson distributed a proposal to hire a sexton for six hours on Sundays along with duties for that person. Linda Longoria-Neff moved, Mark Jordan seconded acceptance of this, and the motion passed.

Senior Warden Karen Duignan reported that the Christmas party will be held at the home of Lee and Paula Maule on Friday, December 14. David Dennehy moved, Mark Jordan seconded having the December Vestry meeting in the Choir Room on Wednesday, December 12 at 5:30 p.m. The motion passed.

David Dennehy as People's Warden reported that he had met with ECS on November 27. The kitchen sharing issue has been resolved. There will be 250 children on site in the near future. David asked Vestry members to think about what changes need to take place by 2020.

We have an emergency situation with dead trees near the entrance and near the Columbarium. Also the tree that overhangs the neighbor's yard needs to be addressed. Sally Elliott is scheduling meetings with three arborists.

Jim McDevitt moved, Mark Jordan seconded adjournment at 8:00 p.m., and the motion passed.

Diane Gustafson, Clerk of Vestry