**September 19, 2016 Vestry Meeting Notes**

Peter Wallace presented the Treasurer’s Report. Grace is in good shape as 2/3rds of the year’s expenses are in and annual income is at 68% of the projected amount. We are on track against the budget and are cash positive for the year. We are looking at replacement vendors for the HVAC maintenance contract and the high water bills are also still being investigated. The upgrades to the telecom system are still underway as the process has become much more difficult than expected.

The Rector reported that we need more sign-ups for the God’s Call to

Grace at 150 events. So far only 5 of the 12 slots are filled. He led a discussion of what outcomes should come from the conversations. Mike Osborn suggested that notes be taken for each session and we agreed that one of the two Vestry members leading the conversation serve as a rapporteur. The sessions are to be characterized as “listening sessions” to collect ideas that come out of the sessions.

Other highlights of the Rector’s Report:

* The Vestry Secretary will monitor Vestry Member in Charge sign-ups using the on-line system
* The annual meeting will be held November 20th. A motion to approve this date was made by Beth Lee, seconded by Sally Stanfield and passed unanimously.
* There are four vestry vacancies as well as the Senior Warden position which must be filled. A Nominating Committee will be formed to select candidates. Any current vestry member whose term is up should notify John or Peter if they do not wish to be considered for another term. Lee advised that the Nominating Committee provide potential candidates with information as to the duties of the vestry.
* The Adult Forum is underway for the fall.
* We have 1 trained Stephen Minister and 3 others who will begin training in October.

The Assistant Rector reported that she is very pleased with the new Sunday School Leader, except that she will graduate from college in December and may not be available to us past that time. She also reported that while the pre-school cohort is small, we will be starting a pre-school class.

Beth provided an update on the stonework project. Most work is completed and Federal Masonry is working through a punchlist of items. We are roughly $6,000 over budget for the project. New doors for the church are largely finished and look great.

Other updates:

* Dave Ryder is the new Grace’s Table coordinator. There was a discussion on how common supplies and other items for the Grace’s Table and Sunday morning coffee hour are to be divided. The vestry formally thanks David Bujard for his 3+ years of service to Grace’s Table as Coordinator.
* Peter Tietjen will be the coordinator for the Congregation Based Shelter this year, assisted by Helena Dunn. The shelter will be at Grace from Dec. 4 to 18th. Sign-ups for volunteer hosts will begin in early October.
* Stewardship is off to a great start. All vestry members have returned their pledges and we have over $119,000 so far from the vestry.
* Music on the Lawn has been successful so far with great music, good weather, and good attendance. Donations have been roughly $300-400 per session.

* The annual retreat is scheduled for December 9-10 and will be led by the Dean of Wesley Theological Seminary. The retreat will focus on Spiritual Practices and Disciplines, both personal and communal.
* We reviewed the draft alcohol policy and David made a motion, seconded by Beth, to formally adopt this policy. The motion passed unanimously.
* John Boynton announced a Grace at 150 work day for Sept. 25th. The purpose was to look at photographs to attempt to identify some of those in the pictures.
* A website update meeting will be held in November.
* A formal announcement of the Chaplains Under Fire film series was made. This will begin in October and run for 4 Sundays.

Following close of day devotions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm