Saint Nicholas Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting

October 22, 2017

Attending: Rebecca Crowley, Martha Dimon, Bob Hamilton, Sue Halmrast, Jennifer Milton, Jeff Jackson, Patty Hamilton, Wyatt Poe and Ashley Taylor.

Absent: Bill Caudill, Drucye Cox, Steve Morse, Phebe Robertson, Jim Gilliam

Bob Hamilton provided lunch and the opening prayer.

Wyatt Poe updated the vestry on the organ project. He has met with a digital organ builder to obtain information and estimated costs for a new organ. The cost could run approximately $50,000 to $60,000 depending on the number of stops we would need. Wyatt reminded the vestry that our present organ has a remaining life-span of 2 to 3 years. Funding was discussed, including private loans, memorials, donations or grants. Wyatt will continue to work on this and will have a presentation at the annual meeting January 7, 2018.

Father Jeff reported that pledge cards will be sent to parish members this week.

The text message platform project was tabled.

Martha reported that Lobsterfest has thus far netted $20,500. She has agreed to chair the event again next year and will look for a co-chair to move up to chairman.

Jennifer gave an update on the Pastoral Committee. Taking communion to local nursing homes has been successful but more participants are needed. Journey Bags were very well received.

In the absence of Phebe and Steve, Father Jeff discussed our participation in the Christmas parade with the possibility of a tree decorating party with the youth afterward.

Rebecca Crowley related that the Children and Youth Committee has added a new Sunday school class called Spark. Trunk or Treat is coming up and is in full swing; SNICK needs more volunteers for dinners; the Christmas pageant is in production. A reception after the pageant is being planned. It was decided that since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, there will be one morning service for the 4th Sunday in Advent, no Sunday school, Christmas pageant at 5:00, followed by the reception and the Christmas Eve Holy Communion service at 6:00.

Father Jeff gave a report on Outreach programs. Communion is now being taken to Roosevelt Place in Warm Springs and Oakview in Waverly Hall; Packing for BackSnacks has become a community event with much needed participation; the homeless coalition has stalled for now; Safe Families program continues with parish wide support and the Jail Ministry continues to be a blessing.

St. Nicholas’ stewardship of Zion Episcopal Church in Talbotton was discussed. Friends of Zion, led by Katherine and David Johnson will be conducting a tour; Lynn Hall has offered to open the church to fellow photographers. There is possible damage to the beams which is being investigated.

The vestry again thanks Bill and Terry Caudill for their work on the parish grounds.

Patty Hamilton presented the financials for the absent Jim Gilliam. Funding for SNICK was discussed.

The Steward of the Month is Anonymous, the people who give of their time, talent and treasure and labor behind the scenes.

Sue Halmrast announced that she will resign from vestry, effective January 7, 2018. Prospective vestry candidates were discussed.

Father Jeff adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by

Patty Hamilton, Clerk