

Vestry Meeting
September 25, 2016

Vestry members in attendance: Father Jeff Jackson, Melissa Hammonds, Kin Brown, Sheri Cody, Rebecca Crowley, Martha Dimon, Bill Caudill, Katherine Johnson, Nick Simpson, Phebe Robertson, Steve Morse

Excused were: treasurer Dave Halmrast, Sue Halmrast, Bob Hamilton, and Patty Hamilton, clerk.

Nick provided lunch and opening prayer.

Nick presented the treasurer's report.

Vestry members gave their committee reports

Stewardship reported that the cottage meetings were being organized, invitations have been sent, some parishioners are moving to another meeting. The focus is connection with others, with a stewardship component.

Lobsterfest was reported as a great success, financial information to follow. The trips are still for sale. Positives that were mentioned were: good facebook presence, volunteer experience was much stronger, paid help was big bonus, there were lots of questions about worship service times, pre-sales for drinks took care of the bar bottleneck, and best of all, the chairwoman volunteered for a second year!

Outreach- The Backsnacks program continues to be the focus with logistic issues working out.

Communications- The committee is strong, they are focusing on the website, they have the template, next step is photos and narrative. There is one more donated month-long billboard to be used.

Parish Life- Stewardship Sunday is November 6 and a potluck is planned.

Youth and children will put on Trunk or Treat Monday, October 31. Sheila Dixon has agreed to be in charge of the Christmas pageant. SNICK's teen mentors are making a great difference in the program which now has about 20 children.

Building and Grounds – A committee meeting is planned to review the process for good communication. It was requested that Father Jeff and the Senior Warden attend. It was noted that all vestry liaisons are responsible to report to committees our pledge to stay within our budget unless special requests have been approved. It was also noted that church maintenance projects should be generally reviewed in committee before being carried out.

Pastoral Care- The committee chair is in touch with the sick and there is a committee for parish prayer.

Worship - Father Jeff reported that the worship committee work includes the work of, Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Lay Readers, LEMs, Acolytes, Music and Choir. Melissa Hammonds finds it necessary to resign as Music Director and will stay on until a replacement is found. There are two interested candidates and everyone is invited to be present at the interviews. Melissa cautioned that if the replacement is already working, the part time commitment to St. Nicholas may be a heavy burden. It was agreed by the vestry that using the youth as an alternative when there is no sub available to play the organ increases their visibility in our music ministry. Although Melissa's talents will be greatly missed, there is hope that she will visit often.

Father Jeff reported on the Parish Committee on Ministry. Diocesan Council is November 18. There has been a motion presented that covers the topics in Father Jeff's recently drafted council resolution. So he may choose to withdraw his resolution affirming the deacon's right to vote and other deaconate issues.

There are 4 vestry members retiring. Several have been asked, there have been some who don't feel able at this time, so some new names were suggested.

Martha Dimon was unanimously nominated to be Steward of the Month due to her diligence and success with Friday's annual fundraiser Lobsterfest, and her willingness to chair the event a second year.

Father Jeff closed with prayer.

Submitted by Phebe Robertson substituting for Patty Hamilton, clerk