

St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry 25 September 2019

Present: David Dennehy, Diane Gustafson, Fr. Tom Wilson, Judy McKay, Jim McDevitt, and Pamela Brittain.

Absent: Ray Contreras, Mark Jordan, Karen Duignan, Lynn Young, and Terry Farrelly

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. A brief service followed.

The August minutes were previously approved online.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the Financial Report, Priest's Report, and Junior Warden's Report. Pamela Brittain moved approval, Jim McDevitt seconded, and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ray Contreras has been working on the Fonte property and playground issues and should have language next week, his health permitting.

David Dennehy and Diane Gustafson held a CAT house meeting after the 8 a.m. service on September 15 (two in attendance). Karen Duignan held a house meeting on that date after the 10 a.m. service (four in attendance). A house meeting of the Choir, with Pamela Brittain as scribe, was held on Wednesday, September 18. Judy McKay and Jim McDevitt will hold a house meeting at Frederica Manor after church on Sunday, October 6. Pamela Brittain and Lynn Young will hold house meetings after Bible Study on October 2 and 3, respectively. Another Sunday meeting may be scheduled.

ONGOING OLD BUSINESS:

Mike Gollihur is working on the disposition of the stage platforms/stairs and the red acolyte/children's choir robes. Fr. Tom Wilson has set aside eighteen robes of various sizes to keep.

Possible Vestry recruits were identified. Mark Jordan, Karen Duignan, and David Dennehy will be completing their terms in January.

Vestry members were reminded to send their certificates of completion for "Safeguarding God's People" to Maria Love. Fr. Tom Wilson reported that changes in California law require additional certification work by staff.

David Dennehy added AED training to his Junior Warden Report. CINTAS will let us know the cost. All ushers must have AED training. There is one unit in Nale Hall, and the cost of an additional unit for the Church will be explored. There was a question about necessity of training for Al-Anon groups that meet in Nale Hall.

There was discussion of having Active Shooter Training, and Fr. Wilson suggested that, if we brought a speaker to St. John's, the training could be opened to other area churches and to the Diocese.

NEW BUSINESS:

Diane Gustafson moved to reschedule the November Vestry meeting on Wednesday, November 20 (the 27th is the night before Thanksgiving), Judy McKay seconded, and the motion passed.

Pamela Brittain moved to reschedule the December Vestry meeting to Wednesday, December 18; Jim McDevitt seconded, and the motion passed.

The Stewardship theme is "Now Thank We All Our God." Beginning October 20, at each service a member of a St. John's ministry will speak briefly about being thankful for the opportunity to participate in that ministry. Beginning October 13, a large vase and a table with artificial flowers will be placed near the baptismal font. Anyone who is thankful for a blessing during the previous week will place a flower into the vase, and it will be brought forward with the offering. Those who bring pledges on Pledge Sunday will receive either a magnet (David Dennehy is investigating this possibility) or a daffodil bulb that can be planted at home or at the church.

October is Clergy Appreciation Month, and Mike Gollihur will provide a box into which parishioners can place cards and other sentiments for Fr. Tom, Rev. Cathey, Fr. Al, and Fr. Jack.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Garden Club has given St. John's a round table, so there are now twelve.

A Narcotics Anonymous group has requested meeting space. They will be offered Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. Other twelve-step programs meet at St. John's on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

David Dennehy reported that he is looking at every aspect of managing the property and hopes to have signed contracts or bids in place by the end of the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Diane Gustafson, Clerk of Vestry