

Vestry Minutes
Saint Nicholas Episcopal Church
November 20, 2016

Vestry members in attendance: Father Jeff Jackson, Kin Brown, Bill Caudill, Bob Hamilton, Katherine Johnson, Martha Dimon, Nick Simpson, Wyatt Poe, Beth Brown of the Finance committee and Patty Hamilton, clerk. Attending telephonically were Sue Halmrast and Dave Halmrast, Treasurer.

Excused were: Sheri Cody, Rebecca Crowley, Steve Morse and Phebe Robertson

A quorum was represented.

Martha opened the meeting with prayer.

Dave, Beth and Nick presented the working budget proposal which is showing a deficit at this time. Vestry is asked to review and determine if a deficit budget is acceptable or if further cuts should be made and/or if potential revenue streams be found. The consensus of the group was to investigate other avenues of raising revenue such as increased pledges from some parishioners, fund-raising events and so forth. Using monies from our "rainy day" account is thought to be a last resort.

Another option of reducing the deficit is to have parishioners chip in to pay the monthly mortgage. Several people offered to help with this route with various amounts, if needed.

Other budget conversation centered on Buildings and Grounds expenses, including the need for either a new lawn mower or for a commercial service to handle lawn maintenance.

Vestry members are greatly encouraged to attend the next Finance committee meeting on December 8 in order to help finalize the budget.

Patty and Bob Hamilton updated the vestry on the annual Diocesan Council meeting. Our Father Jeff was elected to serve as a clergy deputy to the tri-annual General Convention, taking place in Austin, Texas July, 2018.

The suggestion for a Christmas ad in the local paper was tabled.

Thus far, one person has agreed to run for vestry 2017. Other people are prayerfully considering the invitation.

The vestry agreed to keep Orientation Day January 21, 2017 and to not pair with another parish during the annual retreat.

Father Jeff asked that each vestry liaison check with his/her chair to see if they would like to continue or if a new chair is needed. This needs to be done as soon as possible.

The next meeting date is December 18.

There being no further business, Father Jeff ended the meeting with prayer.

Patty Hamilton,
Clerk