

Vestry Meeting February 5, 2017

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Present: Rev. Susie Comer, Sue Faulkner, Linda Joseph, Dr. David Harshaw, Mary Black Davis, Janna Hammett, Paul Wilborn, Robert Oliver, Carol Brown/clerk

Absent: Wade Wooten

At 11:25 a.m. Rev. Susie opened the meeting with a prayer for the Vestry's mission. Janna Hammett moved that the minutes of the January 11, 2017 meeting be approved. Paul Wilborn seconded the motion and all said 'aye'. A copy of those minutes was signed by the clerk to be taken to First Texas Bank for the changing of signatures for the church's accounts.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held Tuesday, February 28. Vestry is responsible for purchasing the bacon and supplies, setting up the Parish Hall and cooking the pancakes. Rev. Susie will contact AA so that they can meet elsewhere that night. Those who are able will be here around 3:30 that day to get things ready. We will all clean up. There are volunteers among the congregation who usually help in the kitchen. Mary Hart will oversee the Pancake Relay. Paul Wilborn will extend an invitation to the Presbyterians to join us. The meal will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. The next day, March 1, will be Ash Wednesday.

Vestry Training will be offered in Round Rock Saturday, March 4 from 8:30-3:30. The fee is \$20 a person if you sign up by February 28.....\$25 after that.

Safeguarding God's People: Rev. Susie and Jane Westerfield are working on setting up a training session for the Vestry for "Safeguarding God's People". They hope to have it done or at least scheduled by March 19 when Bishop Harrison will visit us. Rev. Susie will email Vestry members a list of dates from which to choose. The agreed-on date will be put into the Diocese's system.

Confirmation: There are several people signed up for Confirmation classes.

Wednesday Evening Prayer and potluck: Janna Hammett requested several reminders of Wednesday night potlucks. The one in January was unattended!

Rev. Susie will look at moving the Wednesday night events since Shepherd Sundays are now the second Sunday of each month.

Newsletter: Mary Black Davis volunteered to create a Newsletter. It will be simple in form, online with a few printed copies mailed to those who do not do email. She needs help in gathering the news. She would list the month's activities, tell a bit about new members and perhaps old members too. The Vestry was wholeheartedly approving.

Church workday: March 12 will be a workday after church. Dress casually that day and bring tools. It is not just a Vestry thing.....all members can participate. Paul Wilborn asked about the lights in the flowerbed on the north side of the church. He was told that they have not worked for years. He will remove them.

Rev. Susie closed the meeting with a prayer for the church at 12 p.m.