

Vestry Meeting January 11, 2017

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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

Rev. Susie opened the meeting at 6 p.m. with a prayer for the parish.

As this is the first meeting of the new Vestry, Rev. Susie asked each person to introduce themselves and tell how they came to St. Mary's. She then explained the style of the meetings.

The minutes of the December 14, 2016 meeting were approved.

Bunny Johnson presented the Treasurer's report. We end the year with a total income of \$129,108.37. This amount exceeds that planned for in the 2016 budget, though 10% of pledges for 2016 were not collected. The \$4000 borrowed from the Strategic Reserve Fund in 2015 for necessary projects at St. Mary's has been restored to that fund. There is money now for Outreach and we will still have an account balance in the black.

Robert Oliver moved to accept the amended budget for 2017. Paul Wilborn seconded the motion and all said 'aye'. Janna Hammett moved that Robert Oliver and Sue Faulkner be designated to sign checks, removing the names of Bill Adams and Gregg Westerfield as having that responsibility. Linda Joseph seconded that motion and all said 'aye'.

Rev. Susie will speak with the Ushers for the 10 a.m. service in order to standardize the method of handling the offering.

A letter needs to be written allowing Molly Smith to pick up the night bag for the offering from the bank.

OLD BUSINESS

CD Maturation watch for Reinvestment: Robert Oliver moved to renew the CD. Linda Joseph seconded the motion and all said 'aye'.

Committee for Funding the Northeast Corner of Sanctuary: Robert Oliver reported that there has been no movement on this matter.

Proposed 2017 budget: This matter has been discussed and taken care of earlier in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting-set up, Fried Chicken, etc.: Robert Oliver will order and pick up the chicken for the meal...20 light/20 dark. Rev. Susie has printed the minutes from the 2016 meeting, the budget for 2017, and a letter from Gregg Westerfield about the budget's preparation. Robert Oliver will discuss the budget with the members present.

Junior Warden's report: Paul Wilborn has been checking for water breaks after the freezing weather last week. He and Gregg Westerfield discussed the deterioration of the finish on the front doors of the church. Paul will research this problem. He asks approval to have Harrison Well Service look at the leak in the wellhouse. Robert Oliver asked that when the sprinkler system is turned on, Paul get the landscaping service to make sure the sprinklers do not hit the church building.

Senior Warden's report: Robert Oliver will work on his discussion of the budget at the Annual Meeting.

Priest's report: Bishop Harrison will be coming March 19. Rev. Susie will start her confirmation classes February 12. Our average attendance in 2015 was 44 and for 2016 it was 49.48. That is a good shift for a small church. John Cole fell and fractured his tibial plateau. Council will be held February 9, 10, 11 in Galveston. Bill and Maureen Adams and Molly Smith will attend. Robert Oliver will also go if another willing member cannot be found.

Linda Joseph moved that we donate \$500 of our outreach funds to the Senior Citizens Center. Janna Hammett seconded the motion and all said 'aye'.

Sue Faulkner moved that we retain Bunny Johnson as Treasurer. Janna Hammett seconded the motion and all said 'aye'.

Rev. Susie closed the meeting at 7:10 p.m. with a prayer for the mission of the church.

