

St. James Vestry Minutes

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Vestry members present: Ed Wilcox, Petrina Grube, Tracey Thomas, Ullrich Schwertschlag, and Ann Rieger-Matthews.

Also Present: The Rev. Jim Ward

Absent: Carla Borsoi, Brad Drda, Carol Overman, Kathleen Walker, and Allen LeBlanc.

Faith in Action Report

The Rev. Ayanna Moore

Ayanna spoke to the vestry regarding the upcoming Election Forum. She asked the Vestry to attend the forum on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

There will be 5 candidates attending the forum. Each candidate will have a chance to answer 7 or 8 questions that they will send out in advance of the forum.

Barbara will send Erazm an email reminder that can to be sent to the congregation as a separate reminder.

Financial Report

The Vestry quickly looked at the financials as Allan LeBlanc was not at the meeting.

The vestry approved the use of the Projected Income as the number used in the Guide to Giving for fundraising for 2017. The Vestry also approved the \$190,000.00 pledge goal for 2017.

Approval of Minutes of the August 2016 Vestry Meeting

There was one change:

On page 2 please change the New Member Committee to Christian Education Committee.

Otherwise the minutes have been passed

Christian Education Committee Report

Petrina Grube

Adult Programming

For the Bishop's Ranch there will be a book group that will discuss the book "Keeping the Sabbath Wholly".

In the Month of October, Ayanna will have a Psalms Class for the parish on October 9 and 16.

On Nov. 30, Dec 7, 14, 21 there will be an Advent Series. Wednesdays in Advent Sandra Dratler will be hosting an Advent series. In the past it has been 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm. She will be discussing Centering Prayer and Meditation.

Youth Group

Ann Rieger-Matthews

Courtney had a wonderful event for teens in September where they participated in a team building game of escaping from a maze room by figuring out the answers to a puzzle.

On October 15 Courtney is hosting a pumpkin carving movie night for the teens in the Parish Hall.

The youth group will be doing wreaths to sell to raise money. Rebecca will be asked to help in getting the actual wreaths the teens will be decorating.

New Membership Committee Report

Petrina Grube

We need a better way to know who is new coming to church. There is only one new card that has come in. There are not any new plans for new families at this point.

Parish Life Committee Report

Tracey Thomas

At this point Coffee hour under control. The coffee pot is back in order and the plumbing is fixed.

Parish dinners: We have had 2 so far. We have had one that was cancelled. Tracey is asking that Vestry members attend a dinner and encourage people to sign up. John Harrison's sailing event is pretty well defined but we need to encourage people to sign up.

Stewardship Committee Report

Ann Rieger-Matthews

The pledge packages were distributed. All Vestry members are asked to pledge and be a role model for the congregation. There were no upgrades made to the material other than the pie charts on page 2 reflecting the Income of \$327,771.00 and making the Expenses match and adjusting the pie chart so it makes sense.

We reviewed the dates of the mid celebration being on October 30, Jim Ward's last Sunday. The Stewardship Committee will be responsible for managing the food for that event. There will be a skit or something interesting and upbeat to celebrate the pledges we have received up to that point.

Fall Fundraiser Planning

Ann Rieger-Matthews

Start the event around 6:00 pm with enough food to be dinner. The Art of Living Cocktail Party. See if Eleanor is available to do her show at 7:30 or 8:00 p.m. Start the evening with other music.

Things we need to do to get ready for the November 12, 2016, Art of Living Festival:

Procure artwork

Try the following people:

Robert Foster - Photography

Christie Higgins - Photography

Advertising

Food Tracey volunteered to cover the food.

Arrange for Music

Wire Choir – Ed

Peter Krag

Production of items to sell:

Gift baskets

Cards

Work on the sound system

Next Meeting: October 26, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Rieger-Matthews

Senior Warden