

St. James Vestry Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 26, 2016
at 7 p.m.

Vestry Members present: Ed Wilcox, Tracy Thomas, Carla Borsoi, Petrina Grube, Ann Rieger-Matthews, Carol Overman
Also Present: Allan LeBlanc

Faith In Action

The Rev. Ayanna Moore presented a report on Faith in Action and the candidate forum that was held at St. James. She indicated that the feedback was very positive, and much non-partisan information was forthcoming from the candidates.

Financial Report

Allan LeBlanc presented the financial report.

- *Paid payroll and the costs for Bishop's Ranch
- *Took in \$10k in pledges, and indicated it is time to think about where we will be by year's end
- *Caught up on billing tenants, electricity and water
- *Not having a Youth Minister has made a substantive difference

****The 2017 St. James Benefit Policies Employer Adoption Form was voted on and approved.**

****The Vestry approved the Minutes of the September 2016 Vestry Meeting.**

Christian Education - Petrina Grube

- *Still need to find childcare provider for young children, no luck so far.
- *Committee has been fairly quiet, with no new plans at present.

Membership Committee - Carla Borsoi

- *Carla indicated that not much traffic is hitting our Facebook page

Parish Life - Tracy Thomas

- *Eleanor Scott is handling coffee hour for the next several weeks, but John Harrison is expected to step in soon.
- *Reported on the 3 Parish Dinners that have taken place - Ann's house, Tracy's, and John's boat trip.
- *A few Parish Dinners cancelled and those need to be re-scheduled.

Stewardship Committee - Ann Rieger-Matthews

*All Pledge packets have been mailed out, and everyone has received their online statements

*32 pledges are in so far. Last year's total number was 84.

*This Sunday marks the mid-point of the campaign

*She proposed novel ideas to encourage early pledging - those who turn in their pledge cards by November 20 will be added to a drawing for dinner with the Rev. John Kirkley (Andrew cooking ;) 2nd place will receive scones from Doreen, and 3rd place is a gift basket from Ann.

*To date, current pledges total \$93k.

*Thank-you letter is in the process of being composed.

*Fall Fundraiser - The Art of Living, scheduled for 11/12, from 6-9 pm. Two large banners are advertising the event. Eleanor Scott will be doing a one-woman performance on Friday and Sunday, and all are encouraged to come out and support her. Ann and Elia will be meeting to discuss who will be providing art work for sale. Some discussion focused on the need to categorize, inventory, and number the art. Ed Wilcox's Wire Choir will perform.

*Erazm was planning on doing an email blast for the event, as well as issue invitations via Facebook

A going-away gift for the Rev. Jim Ward will be a donation to Senior Access in Marin in his honor.

Next Vestry Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 16th.

Submitted by Carol Overman, Clerk