

January 29, 2014

Present: Interim Rector, Rev. Greg Pryor; Interim Assistant Rector, Rev. Marilyn Mason; Senior Warden, Murry Edwards; Junior Warden, Harry Gustafson; Treasurer, Chris Winslow; Vestry members: Dave Monroe; Marshall Lundberg; Christian Myers; Steve Bakios; Paul Westrom; Anna Zambrano; Karen White; Linda Drummond; and Pat Sweeney

Absent: Clerk: Cindy Dube.

The Senior Warden began at 7PM with a scripture reading (provided by the Vestry whisperer, Karen White). The Senior Warden also passed the Vestry's thanks to the outgoing Vestry members, Steve Bakios and Cindy Dube. This was followed by a group reading of the Vestry Leadership Covenant.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made to approve the consent agenda less the 2014 Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- The Treasurer noted that the Vestry approved change in compensation for the new Rector required some adjustments to the previously approved 2014 budget. While theoretically, the budget is still viable, the Vestry remains deeply concerned about the precarious fiscal situation. Bottom line, pledges remain below last year's levels and well short of this year's reduced budget goal. One efficiency noted was the decision to pass on St. Mary's membership to Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes (CEEP) for the next year. In addition, the Vestry remains committed to reducing the draw on the endowment and hopes the ALT soon closes the land deal with St. Mary's Church in order for the endowment to regain its footing. The Vestry accepted the revised budget and unanimously approved the document.
- Karen White expressed great concern about the inadequacy of snow removal on the handicap ramp to the Parish Hall, as well as the incomplete clearing of snow on the sidewalks approaching the gravel roadway as well as the gravel area and stairways near the Parish Hall. Other voiced the same observations and the Senior Warden indicated she would take the issue for action.
- Rectory: Christian Meyers indicated that the bathroom remodeling plans for the Rectory are on track and is aware of our fiscal constraints. Linda Drummond inquired on the status of the garage for the Rectory and whether we will be conducting a Capital Campaign to finance the garage and other Rectory improvements. The Reverend Pryor recommended delaying action on a capital campaign until the new Rector is on board. The Senior Warden indicated that we should look at the garage plans that were developed during the building of the Parish Hall to get a sense of costs.

- Karen White inquired about responsibilities for routine maintenance and upkeep of the Parish Hall. The Senior Warden indicated that Martha was the keeper of the full requirements and that Martha should be consulted with any specific concerns.
- Pat Sweeney inquired when the derelict bus parked behind the Parish Hall will be removed (now approaching two months). Harry Gustafson indicated that he would remove it once he can get it started.

Senior Warden Time:

- Murry announced that Trish Culver has resigned as the Stewardship Chair. The Vestry expressed their gratitude for her tireless support in this important endeavor.
- Murry again thanked our departing Vestry members and Steve Bakios expressed his appreciation.
- Volunteers were solicited for the Diocesan Convention. The Vestry approved the following delegates: Paul Westrom, Karen White, and Bev Hall. Marshall Lundberg was approved as an alternate.

The Vestry Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM, and closed with a prayer and thanksgiving. The meeting was followed by fattening cupcakes and refreshments.

The next Vestry meeting will be Tuesday, February 18. This will be a Potluck. We will gather at 6:15 PM and dine at 6:30PM.

Submitted by the acting Clerk

Patrick C. Sweeney