

Vestry Meeting
Saint Nicholas Episcopal Church
April 24, 2016

Vestry members in attendance: Father Jeff Jackson, Bill Caudill, Sheri Cody, Rebecca Crowley, Martha Dimon, Sue Halmrast, Bob Hamilton, Katherine Johnson, and Nick Simpson.

Kin Brown, Steve Morse and Phebe Robertson were excused, along with Treasurer Dave Halmrast. Also attending were Melissa Hammond and Patty Hamilton, clerk.

Martha Dimon gave the opening prayer and Sheri Cody provided lunch. Katherine Johnson presided.

Sue Halmrast gave the Outreach report. Discussion followed regarding purchasing food for the Back Snack program from Feeding the Valley. The rules governing the Feeding the Valley organization will be too onerous for St. Nicholas and the vestry decided not to pursue. However, Martha Dimon will speak with Carleen Frokjer with FTV to see if there are other options.

In other Outreach business, Sue will talk with Kin Brown to set up a meeting with Katelyn Flynn and the new students who will be leading the Back Snack program in the upcoming school year. The parents will also be invited to attend. Sue also reported that the committee has reviewed past programs and will recommend that Share the Warmth be discontinued. There will be a meeting on June 12 to give parishioners a chance to give input regarding the needs of the community. Another topic discussed was ways to involve the parish with the scout program that we sponsor.

Father Jeff and Rebecca reported on the Youth programs. The Lego Sunday school class is a success. The Journey to Adulthood (J2A) program is still in the formative stage and looking for leaders. A traditional VBS will be held in June. A book study for older youth is under consideration.

Bill Caudill reported for Buildings and Grounds. Memory Garden signage is being considered. The Cub Scouts may be asked to help maintain the weeds, etc. in the garden. Melissa reported that the old clavino has been offered to Christian Valley.

Sheri and Katherine reported on ideas and plans for Evangelism/Marketing. Several series of signs will be put along the highway with a 60-90 day rotation. A billboard will be available to us for two months. The Harris County Journal will be used to help identify those who are a blessing in the

county. Mailings to residents of Lake Harding are in the works. Table cards for Lobsterfest and other St. Nicholas events will be produced. The website will be redesigned.

The monthly Blessing to Go will be given to the Pine Mountain Police for their efforts to reunite a soldier with his service dog. Father Jeff will follow up.

Jan Pylant and Judy Jenks were named Stewards of the Month for their recycling of the Sunday bulletins.

Nick Simpson presented the Financial report. Dave Halmrast has prepared a presentation to CB&T for a permanent mortgage loan. Nick asked that the vestry reaffirm its commitment to a balanced budget this fiscal year. The vestry agreed unanimously. The construction loan continues to be paid down. An appeal will go out to those parishioners who have pledged for 2016 to pre-pay in order to reduce the loan further. Quarterly statements will not be mailed. They will be placed in the narthex for pickup. The Memory Garden account with Wells Fargo has been closed. A new account needs to be opened at First Peoples. Katherine moved that the vestry approve, Sue seconded and the motion carried. The wardens will serve as signatories.

Lynn Hall is looking into a Go Fund Me account for Zion.

Jeff reported that Gene Demonet has offered to pay for a Hymn Board. Jeff also informed the vestry of other parish news and concerns. Rebecca announced that we will no longer have a paid nursery worker. A rotation of volunteers will be sought.

Patty and Bob Hamilton will offer prayer and lunch in May.

Martha closed with prayer.

Patty Hamilton,

Clerk