

Vestry Meeting
Saint Nicholas Episcopal Church
June 21, 2015

In attendance: Kin Brown, Sheri Cody, Ed Cooling, Bob Hamilton, Katherine Johnson, Phebe Robertson, Nick Simpson, Bert Tomlin. Also attending were Melissa Hammonds and Patty Hamilton. Rebecca Crowley was excused. Father Jeff continues on Sabbatical.

Nick opened the meeting with prayer and Katherine Johnson presided.

Katherine reported on the recent death of David Walker. David died June 19 after a brief illness. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Kin Brown announced that Lou Baker, chair of Outreach has resigned. A new chair will be sought. Kin has ensured that plans for our 4th annual Pulpit Swap with Christian Valley are underway. We will meet at there on June 28 and we will host on July 26.

Kin updated the vestry on the Back Packs for Children program. A committee headed by Sue Halmrast has met and has requested \$300 for seed money. The money will come from the Outreach budget.

Katherine gave an updated Pastoral Care report and reviewed the summer calendar. Bert Tomlin reported that the first service at Bright Way, the assisted living home in Pine Mountain, was successful with 8 participants.

Nick Simpson informed the vestry that the building loan has been paid down by \$35,000. He presented the financials, the first from our new Quick Books program. The vestry requested that financials be available to the parish quarterly or whenever requested. Nick reported that 8 individuals are now giving online by way of Vanco.

A discussion was held concerning re-negotiating the present building loan. Phebe will investigate the possibilities with the bank and with the diocese.

A motion was made by Sheri Cody and seconded by Bob Hamilton to move the Wells Fargo banking accounts to First Peoples. The motion carried.

Melissa Hammonds notified the vestry that the new keyboard loaner is in the works. She also reported that she had recently noticed the air conditioner condensation was dripping inside the nave. Everyone should be aware that the thermostat should be set at 76 when the building is unoccupied.

Other business included the renaming of volunteers to the more descriptive term of lay ministers; Phebe asked for guidance in outside signage.

Bob Hamilton suggested that we use only one that indicates the office. Ed Cooling seconded and the motion carried; Bert presented information on the needlepoint kneelers project. The kneelers have been privately funded, now qualified volunteers will be sought to stitch them; Sheri Cody announced that the Communications committee has chosen the logo that features the church outline. Colors and font will be decided shortly.

Father Bob Dendtler asked for feedback on the Celtic Eucharist and was encouraged by the vestry to repeat the service.

A concern by Dave Halmrast regarding the security of the building was brought up. After the awful events in Charleston, we need to review our security procedures.

A suggestion was made to name the late David Walker as Steward of the Month for his work in Outreach. It was due to David's efforts that we are offering communion at Bright Way. The vestry voted unanimously to grant that honor to David.

After voting to skip the July vestry meeting, we were adjourned.

Patty Hamilton,
Clerk