

Vestry Meeting
Saint Nicholas Episcopal Church
October 25, 2015

In attendance: Father Jeff Jackson, Kin Brown, Sheri Cody, Ed Cooling, Rebecca Crowley, Bob Hamilton, Katherine Johnson, Phebe Robertson and Nick Simpson. Bert Tomlin was absent with an injured shoulder. Also attending were Melissa Hammonds and Patty Hamilton.

Sheri Cody opened the meeting with prayer. Katherine Johnson presided.

Nick and Father Jeff gave an update on Consecration Sunday and Stewardship. Pledges totaling \$153,686 have been received thus far. It is projected that additional pledges will bring the total to \$205,686.

Nick discussed the 2016 budget process. The finance committee hopes to have the budget ready for a November vote by the vestry.

A list of eligible candidates for election to vestry was presented and will be contacted. The slate will be voted on at our annual meeting.

Katherine proposed that a letter be sent to friends of Saint Nicholas at year end, asking for donations. The letter will stress that any funds given will go towards our ministries. The proposal was approved.

The vestry discussed beginning an Endowment Fund. Kin Brown was asked to enlist the help of Beth Brown to begin compiling information.

Important dates:

- December Vestry Meeting – December 13, 2015
- Annual meeting – January 10, 2016
- Bishop Whitmore visits – January 17, 2016
- Vestry and Committee Chair Orientation – January 23, 2016
- Vestry Retreat – February 19 – 21, 2016 at Kanuga, NC

Father Jeff described the paradigm shift in the diocese from a Bishop-led process downward to a parish-led process upward. This new process is giving more autonomy to local initiatives. Jeff also reported that there are about 20 churches in our diocese that are struggling to stay active. One such church is St. John's in West Point. The vestry discussed ways of giving support to St. John's.

The Steward of the Month for November is Nick Simpson.

Phebe reported on an increase in our property insurance. The pro-rated amount is approximately \$400. Bob Hamilton moved that the vestry approve the expense. Ed seconded and the motion carried. Kin Brown will look into coverage and the possibility of putting the policy out for bids next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Patty Hamilton,
Clerk