

Vestry Meeting
Saint Nicholas Episcopal Church
February 21, 2016

The vestry held its February meeting at the Camp Kanuga leadership retreat, February 21, 2016.

Vestry members in attendance: Father Jeff Jackson, Bill Caudill, Rebecca Crowley, Sue Halmrast, Katherine Johnson, Sheri Cody and Phebe Robertson. Steve Morse, Bob Hamilton, Martha Dimon, Kin Brown, and Nick Simpson were excused. Also attending was Treasurer Dave Halmrast.

Sue Halmrast reported that we have been asked by our sister church Christian Valley to join in planning a Saturday game day for both parishes this spring. Five dates were suggested in April and May and Sue and Rebecca Crowley will ask Martha Dimon to join them for the planning meetings for this event.

Dave Halmrast, Treasurer, distributed an "quick-view" Treasurer's report along with the monthly financials. He reminded the Vestry that all unbudgeted ministry expenses need to be raised within the committee or approved by the vestry. Dave plans to reduce the construction and Diocesan loan as much as possible, for as long as prudent given interest rates. He will meanwhile explore what terms Synovus might offer us for the resulting loan balance knowing we can get an ARM with First Peoples. Bill Caudill was approached by a parishioner who suggested that a fifth year of giving might be acceptable to some in the parish. It was agreed that this would not be pursued in a formal way, but referenced as a possibility for any member at any time. Dave also suggested that individual parishioners might want to help finance our debt balance in lieu of investing in personal CDs.

Father Jeff brought up the subject of X Church, which was reported on and discussed more fully Saturday with Brad Hamil, Youth Director for Christ Church St. Simons, where X Church services are being currently held. It was decided to keep the idea in our minds for now.

Katherine Johnson and Sheri Cody agreed to follow up on the marketing ideas that we got from the Kanuga conference.

Rebecca Crowley is meeting with the Children and Youth Ministries committee March 9. There is interest in starting a Rite 13 program for our youth and we are committed to start holding Sunday School again as soon

as possible. Father Jeff is going to look into the costs of the J2A (Journey to Adulthood) program.

Building and Grounds and Parish Life liasons clarified who is in charge of purchasing what paper goods.

Cecelia Rood has begun the Diocesan discernment process with Pat Merchant as an advisor this weekend.

Sheila Dixon was named Steward of the month for her work on organizing and implementing a successful Mardi Gras with her husband Chris and friends Skeeter and Denise Cotton.

The next vestry meeting is tentatively planned for Palm Sunday, March 20, which is also the date for the pancake breakfast fund-raiser.

There being no further business before the vestry, the meeting was adjourned.

Phebe Robertson, standing in for Patty Hamilton, Clerk