

Vestry Meeting
Saint Nicholas Episcopal Church
May 22, 2016

Vestry members in attendance: Father Jeff Jackson, Kin Brown, Bill Caudill, Sheri Cody, Rebecca Crowley, Bob Hamilton, Sue Halmrast, Katherine Johnson and Steve Morse . Also attending were Melissa Hammond, staff; Dave Halmrast, treasurer and Patty Hamilton, clerk. Others were Beth Brown and William Morgan.

Martha Dimon, Phebe Robertson and Nick Simpson were excused. Rebecca Crowley provided lunch and opened with prayer. Katherine Johnson presided.

Dave Halmrast presented the treasurer's report. As of June 30, 2016, revenues were \$138,571 and expenses were \$133,813. The First Peoples mortgage loan closed on July 11. The amount is \$215,800, closing costs were \$825, and interest rate is 4.25% for 20 years. Monthly payment will be \$1343.30.

Beth Brown, Stewardship chair and William Morgan, committee member presented plans for the 2016 campaign. The committee suggests holding a series of small group meetings in homes during October where a committee member will be present to answer questions and to present information. Stewardship Sunday will be All Saints day followed by a pot luck dinner. The vestry expressed approval of the plans.

Rebecca and Sheri reported on Children and Youth. A lock-in has been planned; Sunday school teachers have been procured; Rite 13 informational meeting has been planned; SNICK begins again on September 7 with six teen mentors; St. Nicholas will participate in Harris County's Back to School Rush; Margaret Zachary and Fr. Jeff are working on puppet ministry; Brittany Vargas is helping with nursery.

Katherine updated Lobsterfest plans in Martha's absence.

Bill and Steve reported on Buildings and Grounds. The committee has been working on a system to mark the sites of those interred in the Memory Gardens. They came up with sand blasting the names on the stones. The Memory Garden account will fund the cost of inscribing the names of those already in the garden and of setting up and inscribing stones for those in the circle where ashes have been spread. Bill Caudill moved that the vestry approve the recommendation. Sheri Cody seconded and the motion carried.

Bill also informed the vestry that he has approached Allen Parker, Scoutmaster about having the cub scouts weed the Memory Garden. A training session will be planned.

Katherine, Bill and Father Jeff notified the vestry that they are getting quotes from local cleaning services as a comparison to what we currently have.

Melissa asked for guidance for the choir program. As it stands, membership in choir has dropped. Also it's difficult for members to attend rehearsal and that affects performance. The vestry suggested that the choir and those interested in choir meet to discuss solutions. In the meantime, those choir members who wish to will continue to robe for choir when possible and that special music for services such as Christmas continue as feasible.

Kin Brown updated the Back Snacks program. Obtaining food from Feeding the Valley may not be as complicated as once thought and it will be pursued.

Sheri asked for nominees for Blessings to Go. She suggested West Georgia Wolverines, a sports organization of wheel chair athletes. The vestry agreed. Fr. Jeff will follow up.

Katherine reminded the vestry to be thinking of prospective vestry members. At the end of this year, Nick, Kin, Sheri and Katherine will be rotating off.

The Stewards of the Month are the members of the Buildings and Grounds committee who are responsible for maintaining the lawn. Those people are: Bobo Morgan, Tom Cheatham, Sheri Cody, Chris Butzon, Steve Morse and Larry Nordin.

Father Jeff reported on the search to replace our Parish Administrator; his chaplain ship at Pine Mountain Club Chalets; and on new members and frequent visitors.

Patty Hamilton, clerk