

St. John's Episcopal Church

610 Young Street

Melbourne FL 32935

Vestry Minutes

March 17, 2018

Present: , Bill Chernault, Linda Fletcher, Ben Kendall, Hal Martin, Julie Miller, Linda Miller, Kathy Oas, Lee Steininger, Eric Turner, Katie Wilson

Absent: Steve Bradley

The meeting, held at the home of Kathy Oas, was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Father Eric with prayers and remembrances for family, friends, and members and loved ones of the Vestry and the congregation.

FORMATION: Fr. Eric gave a brief overview of the life of St. Patrick. Of relevance to the Vestry Retreat, was how St. Patrick returned to Ireland, where he had been taken as a slave for several years to serve as a missionary, teaching the Gospel and integrating Celtic traditions with Christianity to honor the past and bridge to the future.

Sr. Warden's Report: None.

Treasurer's Report: Fr. Eric reported financials for the month ending February 28 on behalf of the Treasurer. Financials contained Summary Comments, the February 2018 balance sheet, February 2018 Financial Summary and February 2018 Cash Flow, 2018 Restricted Funds Summary, and 2018 Outreach Contributions

Revenues for the month were \$17,499 against a budget of \$16,950. Expenses for the month (\$14,217) were lower than budget by \$2,396 due primarily to the evening out of the 3-month pre-paid expenses paid in January (refer to Financial for January 2018 for details).

The restricted funds account ended the month with a balance of \$59,931 of which \$49,603 is committed. This leaves a \$10,328 surplus of available funds in this account. 2018 Outreach to date was \$2,373 - \$1,673 to Clergy Discretionary Fund, and \$700 to Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build).

A motion to approve the Financial Report was made, seconded, and the Vestry approved.

Jr. Warden's Report: A problem with the commode in St. Nick's House was fixed by a Wavecrest teacher.

Estimates for replacing the fuse boxes (aka circuit boxes) supporting the church and offices are being compiled. Richard Huffman is collecting quotes for replacement.

The new A/C and heating unit for St. James House is being installed in the near future (Tuesday).

New facilities cleaning help is being sought.

Repair of the roof in Fr. Eric's office was completed at no charge

The Vestry discussed the need to change the combination locks throughout the facilities. This will need to be done accomplished with care and planning and will include the

need to notify those who currently use the facilities (parishioners, AA, Scouts, Sewing Group). This will be undertaken in the future, after Lent.

There being no further business, the Vestry meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:46 p.m.

Rector's Report: Fr. Eric reported the Lenten Soup Suppers, discussions, and Taize worship services were well attended this year.

Monthly Newsletter: After 4 months of publishing the newly enhanced Good News on a monthly basis, the Vestry approved going to an every two month newsletter. The first such edition will be May/June, followed by July/August, September/October and November/December.

The upcoming meetings for 2018: April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19 (no August meeting), September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20, January 17, 2019.

Notes from the Vestry Retreat:

Increase St. John's community visibility:

- Articles in 'Senior Life', other local free publications
- On-line presence via Facebook, Google, etc.
- Re-start neighborhood events: Concerts in the Park, Movie Nights