

Vestry Minutes Highlights

January 22, 2020

Financials

The Vestry discussed an estimated \$2.23 million dollar operating budget drawing \$147,000 in unrestricted funds. The Church is working on cost savings in such areas as education for clergy and lay staff and holding the Vestry retreat locally.

Bill Orr provided an overview of the 2019 Financial Narrative to be presented at the Annual Meeting. This narrative format will provide an overview of the ways that our budget is used throughout the community and parish.

The Vestry discussed challenges with collecting all of the pledges during the calendar year. Pledges in December were below budget based on a variety of factors.

Stewardship

The 2020 Stewardship campaign will start in August this year and will be completed by October. The 2019 Campaign exceeded its \$2.2 million dollar goal, with a total of 577 pledges. This included 77 new pledges from individuals that did not pledge the year before. Of that number, 30 had never pledged in previous years.

RECTOR'S REPORT

The 2020 Vestry Retreat will be held in Winston-Salem instead of off-site. A group is working on a program to conduct docent tours to showcase different areas of St. Paul's. Various groups have been utilizing space at the Station, including an art therapy group and the Street School.

Clergy Report

The second annual lockout will be held on Friday, January 24, and there is a large group of youth expected to attend. The weekly Thursday Sr. High groups have moved from meeting at Nick's home to the Diamondback Grill. A newly launched men's group will begin meeting in February and will officially roll out in the fall.

There was significant generosity during the Christmas offering, and the Feast of Lights had a great turnout. The upcoming Lent schedule will include three services on Ash Wednesday, as well as a daily noon Eucharist every day during Lent and through Holy Week.

Confirmation classes have been a priority, and twenty-five adults will be confirmed or received with one adult being baptized. This will be the first year that we have more adults than youth being confirmed.

The new 40-page Parish Life magazine will be coming out soon and will continue to be distributed on a quarterly basis. LP Mua has been accepted to the postulancy and will be applying for ordination. LP will be starting seminary in the fall.

SR. WARDEN's REPORT

The Vestry slate for 2020 was discussed, as well as the two new proposals that will be voted on during the annual meeting to be held on Sunday, February 2nd. The Vestry discussed the ballot and the voting procedure.

JR. WARDEN's REPORT

Regarding Dalton Gardens, specifications will be drawn up as part of the bidding process, and Vestry members will then approve the final plan and allocate the money needed. A presentation would then be made to the Historic Resources Commission. Once approved, the work will begin after all the scaffolding for the Nave project is removed from the parking lots.

Because the lead has deteriorated and cannot be repaired, the high altar window is also in need of repair. The Vestry approved funds of \$29,197, in addition to other contingency amounts, to fund the re-leading at a cost of \$54,923. A number of other change order items are presently being reviewed and will be discussed at the Vestry Retreat in February.