

Vestry Minutes Highlights

February 9, 2020

Financials

Before approving its final budget for 2020, the Vestry decided to ask the Finance committee to consider adding a figure for expected uncollected pledges in the budget. Due to this request, the temporary approval of the budget given in January stands until the March meeting.

Rector's Report

Henri Brown was elected as Senior Warden. Scott Adams was elected as Junior Warden. Susan Kelley was re-elected as Vestry Secretary. It was noted that the Treasurer will be elected in March.

Upcoming Vestry meeting dates for the coming year are: March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24, July 29, August 26, September 23, October 28, November 18, December 9, and January 27, 2021. The annual meeting next year will be February 8, 2021. Next year's Vestry retreat will be February 12-14, 2021.

Clergy report

St. Paul's Kanuga weekend will be the 1st weekend of May 2021. There will be a number of Lenten offerings this year, including Wednesday night suppers which will focus on prayer and prayer practices. Sunday offerings include an Enneagram class and Episcopal 101. During Lent, a class on Lamentations will be taught by Dixon and a class on confession will be led by John. The Welcome Committee needs a new Chair.

There will be many upcoming Lenten worship opportunities, including morning prayer at 8:15, Monday-Friday, and from February 27-Maundy Thursday, a 12:10 Daily Eucharist.

Youth will take a 4-day mission trip to Charleston right after school closes. In addition, youth will also be invited to participate in confession this year, along with adults.

Senior Warden's Report

The vestry will communicate well and often regarding our new vestry election process, so all parishioners will understand and grow comfortable with the new procedures.

Stewardship highlights include: amount pledged for 2020 exceeded goal by \$44,522; 233 members increased their pledges; and total number of pledging families rose to 588. The largest number of pledging families are those over 50 (68%) and most pledging dollars come from this same group.

The vestry will focus on stewardship, recognizing that while our stewardship remains strong and is growing at approximately 1%, we have annual expenses that increase more than 1% each year.

Staff is working hard to enhance on-line giving opportunities in order to better meet the needs of our parishioners as they give.

Jr. Warden's report

While the Station project is almost complete and slightly underbudget, the Nave project continues. As detailed in the Annual meeting, new, unexpected expenses continue to increase the scope of the project. To date, it is

expected these new expenses will increase the cost of this project approximately \$500,000. While some items have a fixed price, such as re-leading the high altar window, discussion on some items is still underway. Largest expenses are related to time, as the scaffolding costs approximately \$40,000 per month, and having the workmen and supervisory staff and other equipment (known as General Conditions expenses) also costs approximately \$40,000 per month. A contract has been signed with Jeff Allen to move forward with the next steps to renovate the Dalton Gardens.

The Vestry is consulting with the Renewal Continuity Committee, headed by Steve Ashworth, to determine the best way to pay for these changes.