

Vestry Meeting - 6/30/24

Meeting was called to order with prayer at 11:36. In attendance were Fr. Nutter, Jeff Perry, Delores Landry, Ralph Whedon, William Somes, Susan Johnson, Scott Burgess, David Field, Don Lewis, David Souweine, Eric Boberg, Edward Ferguson, Signa Strom, and Cindy Lufkin.

Signa invited to everyone to the spiritual retreat, which will help us to recognize gifts in other people. Instead of creating ministries and figuring out who to put in them, we will find their gifts and then create the ministry appropriate to those gifts. She also announced that she will be leaving July 31.

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Stewardship: Don reported that all is quiet right now because they've not started the next campaign; gifts and pledges are coming in.

Worship: David S. is still working on that, but had nothing to report.

Evangelism: Jeff reminded us about not having to go out into the streets, but asking people as we are doing little things for them, like opening a door or picking up something they've dropped.

Education: Ed reported that the children's chapel will continue as long as there are children to attend. Mary-Frances is even planning to expand to older youth in fall, including high school students. Fr. Nutter said that the parents have to be notified that we'll be offering new classes.

Pastoral Care: Susan said that someone will be going to a nursing home that's been asking for someone to come. Eric is working on the food ministry, but needs help to know who needs meals; he hopes to get it running by the end of summer. It was suggested that the St. Andrew's Guild might be able to help. Susan added that the prayer shawl ministry is still going on, and she won't turn down anyone who wants to give anything (one person gave a blanket instead of a shawl).

Service: Delores said there were 8-10 people in the Episcopal section of the pride parade from just St. John's. With about 7,000 in attendance for the festival, it was a chance to invite people there to come to our church (doing evangelism). Don reported that Fresh Start will be opening up a new house with 9 bedrooms, with full size beds this time (not twin). Fr. Nutter mentioned that it was important to bring things forward on Sunday morning for the whole congregation to see what was happening, not just quietly take things over to an organization.

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Sr. Warden: Jeff had nothing else to add at this time.

Jr. Warden: Ralph mentioned that we have a half dozen projects in process. He mentioned that someone had pointed out to him a leak in heating system. Don brought to our attention that we could leave the chapel through the new doors.

Treasurer: Don said our diocesan assessment will be going up next year, which is a sign that our community is growing and can support the diocese more. He explained about the Howard LaRue sculpture: a 48"x42" carving. It is said, but can't be proven, to be the work of Tilman Riemenschneider, an artist in Bavaria who worked around 1500. It is a carving of the Last Supper, but unlike other images, Jesus is washing the disciples' feet in front of the table. An expert says it's a very remarkable piece and in good shape. This is certainly an incredible piece that was donated by Howard LaRue, and when the artwork is here, we will bless it and involve the family.

Meeting ended with prayer and was adjourned at 12:31.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Lufkin