

Highlights of the Vestry Meeting

August 14, 2018

Better Bowersox reported that the Stewardship Committee (Betty Bowersox, Andy Miller, Skip Giessing, Janet Mika, Marty O'Leary and Lyn Ballard) has begun planning the 2018 stewardship campaign.

Kelly Eschenroeder reported on the Invite Welcome Connect Summit that she attended along with Shari Bonham, Mary Merriweather and Ryan Missel. Kelly noted that they would like to form a larger committee and they would like to bring in a facilitator to present the Invite Welcome Connect program to the congregation through a Saturday workshop and a Sunday sermon.

Shari Bonham noted that this was the best year for SPROG that she can remember. The camp was organized differently, and Grace housed a smaller range of ages than in the past. The counselors received special training, and worked very well. Interactions between Grace staff and the campers was very good.

Junior Warden Rebecca Harrison has been very busy. Highlights from her report to the Vestry include: The base for the St Matthews spire has been poured. The extra concrete was used to finish the sidewalk from the Columbarium to the south door of the church, under the sacristy.

Lighting for the spire, the church sign and the lights on the front of the church will all be in working order in the near future.

Most of the 2018 landscaping projects are nearing completion, including irrigation for the front beds and the Columbarium. Rebecca extended thanks to everyone who has helped with weeding, and noted that everyone is invited to join in on that task.

A new custodial service, RSU, has taken over the cleaning and maintenance duties at Grace. Parishioners are asked to alert Rebecca Harrison, or any Vestry or staff member, of any cleaning or maintenance issues they feel should be addressed.

The Lab School has hired a landscaping company to maintain the playground.

Rebecca noted that rain is collecting on the Albright Hall roof and there are several soft spots. This is something to keep in mind for future budgets. The Albright Hall roof was not part of the roof repair project that took place in the recent past.

Father Todd extended thanks to Rebecca and her team of volunteers for all of their hard work.

Several programs involving the Labyrinth are in the works. There will be a Labyrinth event for youth, led by Ryan Missel. There will be Labyrinth events during Lent and Advent. The Rev. Emily Hilquist Davis is organizing a Labyrinth event for the deaf in February.

Outgoing Vestry members Mike Johnson, Pat O'Brien and Lyn Ballard are looking for Vestry and convention delegate nominations for 2019. Having the allotted four convention delegates is especially important, as the delegates will vote for a new Bishop at the convention. Parishioners are asked to let Mike, Pat or Lyn know if they are interested in being nominated.

Pledge Income for the month of July was \$27,281, which was \$281 above budget. YTD Pledge Income was \$248,023 versus the budgeted amount of \$242,500. Total Revenues for the month were \$43,706, which was \$260 below budget. YTD Total Revenues were \$388,376, which was \$5,478 above budget. Total Expenses for July were \$51,378 which was \$1,012 above budget. YTD Expenses were \$372,221, which was \$2,377 below budget. Net Revenue for July was (\$7,673) which was \$1,012 above the budgeted amount of (\$6,399). YTD Net Revenue was \$16,455, or \$7,855 above the budgeted amount of \$8,600. Our current cash reserves would cover an estimated 2.34 months of the budgeted 2018 expenses.