

St John the Divine
Vestry Minutes
December 11, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Members present: Fr Kevin Huddleston, Phil Hein, Dave Bemus, Patricia Hoffman, Connie Herrick, Robin Marzahl, Mary Flynn, Jerry Ramsey, Sharon Twist,

Absent:

Quorum present: yes

Others present: Jenn Welsh, Brian Welsh, Mark Flynn

Opening prayer: Fr Kevin

Dwelling in the Word: Luke 3: 7-18 (NRSV & The Message)

Reports:

Follow Up on the Service Music-Fr Kevin clarified what was discussed at the November Vestry Meeting.

Set the date for the Annual Meeting-Last Sunday in January 2019.

2019 Calendar was presented by Fr Kevin and will remain on the wall for reference and continual updating.

- Saturday, January 19, 2019 Bingo at SJD as part of Hot Chocolate Fest
- Feb 2, 2019 Simply Divine Art Show and Sale
- Feb 10 in afternoon at Holy Communion-Vestry Orientation-no other Vestry Meeting in Feb,
- March 17-St Patrick's Day Dinner at HC
- April Holy Week
- May 4th- Spring Fling
- June 14th-Summer Solstice
- October -Diocesan convention and Trunk or Treat
- November-Thanksgiving dinner (2018 total was 448 dinners served)
- December-Advent & Christmas

Major decision needs to be made about when and how we want to have a major fundraiser. We did not have the Auction in 2018 and we will need something to raise money in 2019.

Vestry Nominations were discussed and terms of current members were clarified. The committee of Robin, Dave and Fr Kevin will seek candidates for Vestry. We need three. Phil has volunteered to remain. We also need 4 reps for the Diocesan convention-Gail Armstrong and Deanna Christman have volunteered and Sharon and Pat agreed to go also. Connie will be the alternate.

Discussion Items:

Pledge Updates-reviewed the trend of declining pledges and declining attendance over the past 5 years. We need to market SJD more. Fr Kevin will be doing a weekly Facebook ad and we will have two banners on the street for our Christmas Eve service.

Bulletin at Sunday Service-There is a "paper shuffle" in going from BCP to hymnal to inserts and back again that many feel interrupts the flow of the worship itself. Fr Kevin prefers the BCP but understands the preference many have for a printed comprehensive bulletin. The issue of time for preparing such a

bulletin was discussed. We will have a comprehensive bulletin for the Christmas Eve service and can reflect on its effectiveness. The issue of being visitor friendly also was discussed.

It was suggested that we convene an "Ideas" Committee to generate ways to bring more people to SJD with an eye on growing our congregation.

Finance Report:

Sharon talked about the training that is on-going with the finance reports and the budget is being developed. The general ledger for November was presented giving Vestry an excellent reference point for all our accounts and on-going expenses. This report is always available but Vestry would find the monthly summary that showed current status more helpful as a report.

We also discussed the new requisition system that will be instituted. Fr Kevin will approve all requisitions. This is aimed at helping us to share resources and buying power with HC and to help monitor spending.

Fr Kevin submitted a copy of the Rector Parish Letter of Agreement that serves as his employment contract.

Minutes of November Meeting:

It was moved by Dave and seconded by Phil to approve the November Minutes of the Vestry meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements:

Vestry Gathering on January 6th-bring your beverage of choice, all else provided.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Flynn

Next meeting is January 8th at 6:00 PM