

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 17, 2021

OPENING PRAYER: Father Rick

CALL TO ORDER: @11:30 Via Zoom

JANUARY 2020 MINUTES: Approved, submitted by Lili Neuhauser

SR WARDEN: Lili Neuhauser, "Thank you all for coming and Let's look for Leadership from Above".

WARDEN AND VESTRY NOMINATIONS AND RESULTS:

Voted via zoom ; Dennis Trotter – Jr. Warden, 3 Year Vestry Term- Bill Steinman, George Robertson, Joann Hanson, Barbara Anderson (two year term).

FINANCE REPORT:

Frank Favia stated that many planned expenditures were not needed due to COVID; no choir salary, administrative personnel, pension, closed Pre-School and Church events affected by cancelling and modifying Progressive Dinner to Festive Cocktails at Tuxedo Club.

In 2020, about \$85,000 was surplus based on a \$160,000 pledge budget. In addition the Endowment remains stable and increasing. Diocesan Grant of \$140,000 helped to offset payroll, insurance and utilities.

The 2021 Budget will have a conservative approach of \$130,000 in pledges. There is some grant money and special events to contribute to the budget.

Assessment of Capital improvements includes Office renovation of French House, Rectory repairs and increased 'new' cleaning team expense.

Sunday School assessment on HOLD.

There is \$40,000 of Grant money carried over to 2021.

A pledge campaign continues and a potential Capital Improvement Campaign for 2021.

There is a new Investment Committee to monitor our Endowment Funds, headed by Joann Hanson. Brown Brothers Harriman will take over from Vanguard. See Financial Report on Profit and Losses and 2020 Operating Results for further description of budget and spending.

OUTREACH:

Sue Heywood, Outreach Chair reported \$14,898 in account with an income of \$117,000 from Grants, charities and donations that are specific to needs. All yard sales were cancelled due to COVID but a 3 week clothing drive was successful at the Tuxedo Train Station. Collection of good

furniture and other items will be sold in the new Emporium being established in the conference room area and old offices. See Outreach report for more description.

RECTOR'S REPORT:

Father Rick reported that he works closely with Sue and helps to pay bills for the needs of our Tuxedo Community. St Mary's is the 'beating heart' of Tuxedo and neighboring communities. Sheldon, our organist, thanked all who support the music he chooses for his ministry.

The challenges of 2020 opened new ways to think about the church and community. Innovative ideas, like Live Streaming, helped reach out to many more potential parishioners through Sunday services, Evening Prayer, and other additional services, to help make up for the loss of coffee hour and socialization.

Decisions to close the Preschool and the Administrative office were difficult, but necessary steps.

French House, the former Preschool, is being renovated into offices and meeting rooms.

We hope to embark on a Capital Campaign in 2021.

Gratitude to all, Lili, Sr Warden, Billy Mincey, Jr Warden, Frank Favia, retiring as Treasurer, and Pete for website and volunteer work.

See Rector's Report for more and complete details. Attached

CLOSING PRAYER; FR RICK 12:50 Submitted by Jane Garofano