

Vestry Retreat and Meeting

February 8, 2014

We gathered at 9:00am at St. James Church for the 2014 Vestry retreat.

Fr. Mark led us in prayer.

We reviewed both NY RCO code and our special responsibilities, as well as "Vestry 101". See handouts for details.

Building and Grounds presented a summary of the special projects for the year. Some of these are parishioner oriented and some require professional help. There will be workdays before Easter to polish up the interior of the church.

A summary of the possible geothermal project to replace a currently outdated heating system was also explained.

After lunch we went through the various committees and a Vestry TO DO list.

COMMITTEE Organization

Search Committee:

4 vestry members

Bill Ambler

Inez Lambert

Jeanne Blazina

Wendy Wright

Marlin Mattson

The next meeting is March 17, at 7 pm

Finance & Budget Committee

Carol Haley **convener (temporarily)

Jeanne Blazina

John Hatheway

Jean Geater

John Ewing

Fr. Mark

CLERK of the Vestry

Buildings & Grounds

Bill Ambler**

John Hatheway

Janice Ewing

Lydia Colón

Franny Eberhart

Geothermal Project Task Force

The above plus additional members:

Helen Palmer
Jean Geater
Pat Voehl
Steve Knight
Don Butterworth

Stewardship

Jim Synk**
John Hatheway
more to be added

Investment Committee

Jean Geater** Warden
Alden Prouty, Former warden
Fr. Mark Collins, Interim Pastor
John Ewing, Treasurer
Dick Schumacher
Tony Milbank

Property Preservation Trust (PPT) Distribution Committee (See Note)

Ad hoc (we may use up to 5% a year from the endowment)

The Rev. Mark R. Collins, Interim Pastor
Jean Geater, as warden
Alden Prouty, as former warden

Hospitality Committee

Inez Lambert**
Jackie Price
Helen Palmer

Newcomers Committee

Yvonne O'Neal**
Ashley Chengarian
Sharon Frazier
Dudley Stone
Wilson Stern
Sue Chandler
Jim Synk

Stewardship Committee

Jim Synk** CHAIR
John Hatheway
Fr. Mark
Fabio Mejia

Fund Raising

(Includes Thrift shop Task Force and MayFair)

- Susan Walker**
- Inez Lambert
- Janice Ewing
- Theresa Paolucci
- Wendy Wright

Education

Adult

- Inez Lambert
- James Daubs
- Yvonne O'Neal
- Marlin Mattson
- Steve Knight

Sunday School

- Bill Ambler**
- Dawn Persaud

Jim Synk gave a final Stewardship Report: Pledges total \$303,000.

The Treasurer Report was given by John Ewing. John reviewed the report given at the annual meeting and added the finances from January. He summarized assets and liabilities, as well as a .background of financial reporting.

Janice Ewing was elected Clerk of the vestry.

HTNC Board of trustees requires at least 3 Vestry members. The vestry appointed Jeanne Blazina and Wendy Wright to join Janice Ewing and Susan Walker as Trustees of HTNC. The HTNC meeting will be the fourth Monday in the Paul Room.

The question of HTNC minutes being shared with the vestry was raised and will be brought to the attention of the HTNC board of trustees at their next meeting, Monday February 24, 7 pm. The vestry will request all of the 2013 minutes.

MayFair is May 3, 2014. There will be the usual activities plus a climbing wall. The meeting was adjourned at 3 pm

Submitted by Janice Ewing

NOTE: The committee consists of the treasurer, rector, wardens and clerk. This is by statute of the TRUST document to consist of the pastor or interim pastor, a current warden, and one former warden. There are terms of two years.