**Vestry Agenda**

**January 22, 2020**

**Present:** Sue Wright, Joyce Reynolds, Denise Cabana, Cheryl Turner, Mitch Chester

Jeannette Brown, Jeff Brown, Lisa Gleason, John O’Donnell, Bea Farlekas, Bob Dugger

**Dwelling in the Word**

###  Galatians 1:11-24

**Checking In (10 min)**

Thank you note received from Jim Barry for Christmas gift

Men’s Group

February 8 Progressive Dinner

Fund Raising 2020

**Information**

Denise away 1/17-20 and 2/4-7

Vestry Retreat 2/21 & 22 – Camp Washington

**Discussion**

* Minutes from November & December Meeting - Unanimously approved by Vestry
* Minutes from AD Hoc Vestry Meeting/ Financial Unanimously approved by Vestry
* Keeping Doors Open – Further discussion on keeping the doors open to the church for open prayer time. Security? How can we maintain staff safety? How do we protect the organ? Side exit to the garden, does not meet code as a fire exit. More discussion to explore these issues. This should be proposed at the annual meeting.
* Motion that St James host the Regional Lenten Quiet Day on March 28, 9AM – 1 PM

Approved unanimously by the Vestry

* Replacement chairs for the parish hall – Jeannette and Rich will explore options and present to congregation options to donate a chair
* Annual meeting 1/26 – Vestry responsible for making items and serving breakfast. 65 people have signed up for the breakfast. Denise also celebrates anniversary of her ordination..
* **BY-Law Change: Current By-Law** Section 2. Tenure of Office a) The Wardens, Clerk, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer shall be elected for a one (1) year term and until their successors be chosen and qualified. Expect as provided herein no one of them shall be elected to the same office after three (3) consecutive one (1) year terms until an interval of one (1) year shall have elapsed. However, the Parish may, under circumstances it deems appropriate, vote to extend such consecutive term limits by one (1) additional year.

**Amended Proposal:** – “The Wardens shall be elected for a one (1) year term and until their successors be chosen and qualified. Expect as provided herein no one of them shall be elected to the same office after three (3) consecutive one (1) year terms until an interval of one (1) year shall have elapsed. The Clerk, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer shall be elected for a (1) year term and may be renewed annually until their successors be chosen and qualified.”

* A motion was made to accept the proposed change to the By-laws as written above; seconded and unanimously approved by the vestry.
* Funding Faith in Action - Vestry previously voted and approved to use the remaining Faith in Action funds (approximately $5000) and subsequently to use Joining Jesus Funds to support Faith in Action activities. A “brainstorming” meeting is scheduled to explore additional projects/ hands-on activities/ community action to focus our efforts with Faith in Action as we reach out to those in need within our community.
* Treasurer’s Report – December Balance Sheet Unanimously approved as presented

 Jeanne requests a motion for the amount of the distribution from the D&B permanent endowment for 2020. A motion was made and unanimously approved by the vestry to distribute $11,000 from the D&B permanent endowment during fiscal 2020 to the St James General Fund.

 Discussion regarding the presentation to the congregation at the Annual Meeting. Transparency regarding the fiscal situation going forward, including the drop off in the number of pledges, deficit in this year’s budget and the need to utilize Joining Jesus Funds for Christian Education (Claire’s salary) and Faith in Action.

Closing Prayer - Bea

Adjourned 9 PM