

Annual Meeting of
THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, ARDMORE, PA
Sunday, January 17, 2016

Supplemental Documents

- 2016 Annual Operating Budget

The meeting convened at 11:22 a.m in the Dining Hall.

1. Report on the Children's Ark – Joanne Haley

- The Children's Ark is in its 20th year of operation and continues to fulfill its mission as the main outreach effort of the church to the community. The current enrollment is 95 children from 76 families, including three scholarship students. There are waiting lists for most classes.
- The Ark recently purchased a new curriculum: *The Creative Curriculum* from Teaching Strategies, LLC.
- There has been some staff turnover in the past year.
- The Ark is grateful that in the past year the church paid for several major repairs and upgrades including replacement of the air conditioning systems, repair of the flat roof and repointing of the stonework to stop rainwater from leaking in, and patching and repainting drywall.
- Joanne offered handouts describing the history of The Children's Ark.

2. Outreach Committee Report – Catherine Stuart

- Catherine listed the following activities organized by the Outreach Committee over the past year:
 - Preparation and delivery of 100 sack lunches to the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County homeless shelter as this year's Martin Luther King Day project
 - Preparation of 320 meals for Aid for Friends, which distributes them to frail elderly and shut-ins
 - Participation in several Community Service Days at St. James School, the Episcopal middle school in Philadelphia
 - Fielding three teams of parishioners to participate in Good Works workdays in Phoenixville, improving living conditions for low-income families
 - Collections of cereal and peanut butter for the Ardmere Food Pantry at St. Mary's
 - A \$3,000 donation from the Capital Campaign to finance two monthly Community Dinners held at St. Mary's
 - Continuing monthly collection of food for the ECS St. Barnabas Mission homeless shelter, as well as a special collection of diapers during Lent
 - Continuing collection of work clothing for Career Wardrobe and eyeglasses for VOSH
 - Continuing sponsorship of a Guatemalan child, Marta-Alicia, via PLAN USA
 - Participation in the 30th Annual Havertown CROP Walk to raise money for the Delaware County Interfaith Hospitality Network and to fight hunger
 - Collection of art supplies for Torrey House, a nearby assisted-living residence for people with physical, behavioral, or cognitive disabilities
 - Collection of more than \$1,400 for African Team Ministries through the sale of jewelry and handcrafted items, in order to provide funding for orphan and refugee relief missions and evangelism in East Africa
 - An Advent collection for Episcopal Relief and Development, whose efforts include building wells and water stations to promote sanitation and prevent the spread of waterborne diseases

3. Sunday School Report – Vicki Strickland

- There were nine students in primary class this week.
- Twenty-five students participated in the Christmas pageant.
- Students made cards to send to our sponsored child, Marta-Alicia.
- Children's Chapel is being held once a month.
- A Lenten project is being planned.
- Additional Sunday School teachers are needed so that each need only teach three or four times a year. The curriculum is online, enabling teachers to prepare from home. Please contact Vicki if interested.

4. Rector's Warden Report – David Farnsworth

- David mourned the loss of Sten and Helen Dalstrom this summer and remembered them as exemplars of devotion to service, both to St. George's and to veterans.
- David thanked the members of the Capital Campaign Committee: Jack Tinkler, Glenn Boseman, April Chester, Emily McGarvey, and Phil Moore. As a gesture of appreciation for their hard work on the Capital Campaign each was presented with a framed print of St. George's.
- Fr. Ryan thanked David for his three years of service as Rector's Warden and presented him with a red leather-bound combined Book of Common Prayer/Hymnal 1982.

5. Distribution of ballots for the Vestry election and voting

- Judges of the Election were the outgoing Vestry members: David Farnsworth and Ed Brocklesby

6. Capital Campaign Committee Report – Jack Tinkler

- After lunch Jack reviewed the timeline of the Capital Campaign, including receipt of the feasibility report from the consultant, Jeff Knauer, and approval of the campaign by the Vestry in March 2015.
- Letters will go out to parishioners in February updating the status of their contributions to the campaign

7. Accounting Warden's Report – Rob McGarvey

- Rob presented the Annual Operating Budget for 2016, which includes a deficit of \$1,658.88.
- He thanked the Stewardship Committee. He also complimented parishioners for maintaining their pledges or increasing them despite the Capital Campaign.
- In response to a question, Rob said there is a mechanism for parishioners to give Memorial Gifts to honor loved ones. A punch list of jobs that need to be done is available.
- Julie Ricci added that St. George's is in excellent financial health. At the end of the year all 2015 bills had been paid as well as the January 2016 electric bill.

8. Rector's Report – Fr. Ryan Whitley

- Fr. Ryan announced the election results. Elected to the Vestry were: Joan Cesare and Sarah Farnsworth. Re-elected to the Vestry were: Stephen Krouse and Janet Reddin. Sally Hale, Phil Moore and Tisa Scott were thanked for being candidates and will be asked to serve as delegates to the Diocesan convention.
- Fr. Ryan thanked Harry Urian (*in absentia*) for serving as chair of the Investment Committee for the past seven years. Stephen Lightcap is taking over the position.

Class of 2016

David Farnsworth, *Rector's Warden*
Ed Brocklesby, Sr.
Stephen Krouse
Janet Reddin, *Secretary*

Class of 2017

Paul Joslin
Robert McGarvey, *Accounting Warden*

Class of 2018

Chris Butto
Susan LaBrake
Catherine Stuart

- Fr. Ryan reported that the Youth Group is currently “in a trough” and stands in need of new ideas and adult leadership.
- Average Sunday attendance has declined from 124 to 112, but dollars pledged and number of pledgers both increased.
- Five parishioners have recently undergone training to become Lay Eucharistic Ministers. Fr. Ryan called forward for recognition and commissioning to this ministry: Joan Cesare, Sarah Farnsworth, Sally Hale (*in absentia*), Mary Hobart and Roland Noreika.
- Fr. Ryan announced that the new Rector's Warden is Catherine Stuart. Other terms for her position are Senior Warden and People's Warden. Her three year term begins immediately.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 13:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Reddin, Secretary