

## **A Summary of Vestry Actions taken at the October 19, 2023 Meeting:**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Martin McKerrow reviewed the report he had sent out. Given the high cost of borrowed funds – currently 8.5% per year, it is recommended that any new capital expenditures be undertaken only from funds on hand.

### **2024 STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

Peter Barnes explained the committee is wrapping up the 2023 statements. The 2024 brochures were mailed and have been received by many. The plan is to have folks give testimonials about pledging at various church services, and November 12 is Pledge Sunday.

### **CAMPUS REPORT**

Warden Libby Tracey shared that all is in place for a new rectory roof, which will begin soon. The new elevator is due to be installed on Nov. 15. A deposit has been given; three or four men will install it with the hope it will be completed by Thanksgiving.

### **NOMINATING**

Libby Tracey shared that the protocol of the Boston Dioceses is that the committee include the Rector, both Wardens, and three members of the parish. It was mentioned that in the past we have had some of the departing Vestry members participate, which we will consider.

### **RECTOR'S REPORT**

Father Max has performed two weddings, Jackie McGrady presided over one. There have been two baptisms in church, and one in Nantucket Sound. Last Saturday he and the minister from the Sconset Chapel, Carr Holland, spoke to the Jewish congregation (who meet within the Congregational Church). The fundraiser for the Nantucket Fuel & Rental Assistance program went well. The Organ Crawl was attended by 150 folks, twice as many as in prior years. There was a large funeral for Nadine Sinclair on Saturday, Oct. 7.

There were numerous pets and 38 dogs at the blessing of the animals. Max thanked Kirk Baker & Jeannie Benzie for donating the wines for the Ships Inn dinner. He and Olly had a busy but enjoyable six days in Vero Beach, Jackie McGrady handled the Sunday service while he was away. He and Libby Tracey will be zooming into the Diocesan Convention next week. He thanked everyone for “their continued support and all everyone does.”

### **WARDENS' REPORTS**

Libby Tracey praised Olly for the great work she is doing getting the Christmas Market pulled together, and there are some super folks helping her. For quite a long time Cathy Ward has done a very good job organizing the Sunday counting volunteers, however Libby will now be taking over that program.

In early November, Ruth and Tim Pitts will no longer be using our kitchen, so the manager at Crosswinds restaurant has agreed to prepare “food to go” for our Weds. Supper program during the off season. Olly will still be orchestrating the desserts and last Weds. there we 60 dinners distributed. They could use a few more volunteers to help deliver the meals.

Filmmaker Jay Craven will be returning the third week of January with about 60 students; their contract is very similar to last year. Terry and Jack will once again be preparing all the meals for them.

Lucy Leske said she had a wonderful experience at the new Memory Café that is being held at Sherburne Commons on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. "It is a great social event."

Jay Riggs noted that many years ago St. Paul's had a Befrienders Group that prepared meals for those who had just returned from the hospital, etc. and she will organize a "restart of that program."

Max gave a shout out to Sheila Daume for all her work on the Weds. Suppers, "she is truly an unsung hero with that important ministry."

No new business.