
ST. MARK'S VESTRY BULLETIN

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The following is a report from the September 21, 2019, Vestry meeting.

Guest: Bonnie Wilkins, chair of the Discernment Committee, shared an update on the search for a new rector. The committee reopened the search after the previous finalists withdrew from consideration. She expressed confidence that St. Mark's will have a new rector by January. The deadline for applications closes on September 22 and the committee will begin the interview process immediately. She expects to recommend a finalist to the Vestry by early November.

Rector's Report:

- Rev. John Hall updated the Vestry on his upcoming travel and fall schedule.
 - St. Mark's will have a pet-friendly service for Blessing of the Animals on October 6 in Patience Hall.
 - All Saints Day is November 3 with baptisms.
 - There will be a Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 27.
 - This year's Christmas Pageant is on December 15 at the 10 a.m. service.
 - There will be Christmas Eve services at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m., followed by a Christmas Day service at 10 a.m.
 - The church office will be closed from December 21 through January 2, 2020
- Rev. Hall thanked Charlotte Brown for her dedication to building maintenance and the tremendous progress made in recent months.

Treasurer's Report:

- Eric Bryda provided a report and summary of the operating fund through August 2019.
- For the year to date, St. Mark's has a deficit of \$58,931.61, which puts us on track for a projected deficit of \$88,626.92 at the end of 2019.

- St. Mark's currently has \$50,000 in savings, down from \$190,000 in March, due to building maintenance needs and ongoing withdrawals to cover our monthly deficit.
- The investment fund balance is \$162,696.70 as of August 31.
- Mr. Bryda provided an update on the audit, including the list of documents he provided Sareen & Associates. He will follow up with the firm to set a deadline for completion.

Senior Warden's Report: Jim Bailes will follow up on ownership of the Knitter's Fund. He reported that St. Mark's payroll is now automated with Paychex. He also thanked David Walton for replacing the lectern microphone. Gaby Pineda is no longer serving on the Discernment Committee.

Junior Warden's Report: David Walton, Charlotte Brown, and representatives of RFC met with the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District about drainage problems in the field adjacent to St. Mark's. They are currently awaiting soil test before discussing next steps in the grant process. RFC will hold its community day sale on November 9.

Resolutions:

- The Vestry approved a 3% increase in RFC's monthly rent for the 2019-2020 school year, effective September 1, 2019. The new monthly rent \$2,082.63.
- The Vestry approved a two-month extension of Rev. Hall's contract, making his new departure date December 31, 2019.
- The Vestry authorized the Treasurer to withdraw \$60,000 from the St. Mark's investment fund and move it to savings to cover expenses from our deficit.
- The Vestry approved a salary increase for Parish Administrator Becky Sanders, who recently celebrated her second anniversary with St. Mark's.

The next meeting of the Vestry will take place on Sunday, October 20, at 11:15 a.m. in Patience Hall. Parishioners are welcome to attend.