

Vestry Actions, October 11, 2018 By Dual Macintyre, Clerk of the Vestry

A summary of the actions taken by the Vestry at its October 11, 2018 meeting.

Treasurer's report: Frank Robinson

Frank said he hoped to have the first look at the 2019 budget available for the November Vestry meeting. The Laundry Love outreach is doing well, with volunteers in attendance now the summer is over. There are currently 10 families, including 4 new members, with a total of 45 people on the notification list.

In November, Lucy Bixby, Vicki Goss and others from Massachusetts will return to Vertientes, this time to participate in the beginning of the reconstruction of the Episcopal church. Surplus portable communion kits were reviewed and the Rev. Max Wolf and Dual Macintyre were asked to select an appropriate surplus kit for Lucy and Vicki to take to Cuba.

After further discussion about possible uses of the Parish House space, it was agreed that Father Max would meet with Tess DeAlberti to discuss space for possible office use. Max noted that our space should be used for ministries first and we should be patient and prayerful in deciding how to use our spaces.

Priest-in-Charge Comments – Max Wolf

Max discussed weddings and baptisms and noted that many of the latter are scheduled for next summer. A motion was made seconded and approved to change the fee for a non-member wedding from \$4,000 to \$2,000 and the fee for a member from \$2,000 to \$1,000. Lucy Leske abstained from the vote.

Max then talked about plans to support the young people who come here each summer under the J1 visa program. With the Unitarian church and St. Mary's, the hope is to sponsor 10 meals next summer. We have agreed to host one breakfast or dinner in June or August next year. Max advised the Vestry he had given \$750 from the Discretionary fund to help defray the costs associated with the mission to Cuba. He also reminded the Vestry that there will be one service at 9:30 AM on November 4th.

Music Committee report – Malcolm MacNab

Malcolm discussed the plans to support a Choral Scholar/Section Leader program to increase the number of voices in the choir and to have accomplished singers who can lead the voice sections. The total cost of the program is estimated to be between \$11,000 and \$12,000 a year.

EMC update– Pam Goddard

Pam reported the EMC material is being mailed this week and the pledges will be collected at the In-gathering planned for November 4th, the closest Sunday to All Saints Day.

Upcoming events

Pam described the plans for a special Halloween event on Friday, October 26th and Saturday, October 27th.

Warden's reports – Lou Gennaro

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Lou thanked Scott Widmeyer for his efforts to create and distribute the latest newsletter.

The meeting was opened and closed with prayers and reflections by Ken Beaugrand.