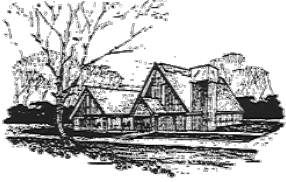


St Stephen's Anglican Church
Sunday, October 21, 2018 10:30 - 11:10 a.m.

Parish Life meeting notes



Attending: Fr. John Novicki, Elaine Darlington, John Darlington, Judy Elliot, Rosa Halbert, Anne Horner, Priscilla Huffman, Dick Huffman, Diane Novicki, Happy Riley, Bill Spicer, Scott Taylor, Mavis Turner

The opening prayer was offered by Dick Huffman.

Cookie Walk update

- Newsletter articles and recipes starting with this week's issue
- Flyer being prepared by Adric and Peter - will be ready by November 1st
- Camerata Musica singers have been confirmed and will be performing at 10:00 am
- All supplies down from the attic - will need to purchase additional ornaments for arrangements and wreaths
- Need donations of bowls, baskets, mugs or other containers for greens arrangements
- The sign up table for volunteers to help during the week of Cookie Walk will be set up at end of October
- St. Timothy's School will send 6 - 8 students to volunteer
- Would like to offer the opportunity for Sunday School parents or newer church members to become involved
- Gift item donations should be re-gifts or Christmas themed items - can start bringing them in now
- Batteries for walkie-talkies used for parking volunteers have been stored with radios in upstairs library

Monthly church cleaning

- Good turnout on October 7th - 9 people attended
- Deep clean was done in one hour
- Next cleaning is Saturday, November 3rd 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - one hour only

Annual congregational meeting

- The annual meeting is planned for November - date to be confirmed
- The three Sunday morning services will be combined into one service at 10:00 am (request from vestry for Parish Life to determine best time)
- Pancake breakfast will be offered following the meeting
- The following groups need confirmation of the date as soon as possible:
 - Color guard for Veteran's Day - so they can inform flag bearers
 - Pancake breakfast volunteers - so supplies can be purchased
 - Choir - to inform choir members of schedule and plan music for service
 - Parish life - so next meeting date of committee can be confirmed
- Parish Life discussed the annual meeting, and members requested an agenda to include the following items:
 - Financial report
 - Vestry nomination slate from the Nominating committee
 - Status of church attendance
 - Sunday School safety concerns
 - Major renovation projects for the coming year such as roof repairs or replacement and financing
 - Minutes taken at meeting

- Regarding nominations for the vestry, the Parish Life committee would like clarification on the nominating process, as there was a request to have nominations from the floor at the annual meeting. The committee would also like to know whom to approach on the nominating committee to submit suggestions for nomination to the vestry.

Church Synod

- St Stephen's has been selected to host the August 2019 Synod for the Diocese of the Eastern United States (DEUS) of the Anglican Church in America
- Parish Life was requested to review school opening calendars and suggest best dates to prevent conflicts
- Based on public school opening dates and teacher orientation, any of the first three weeks in August would be appropriate
- Summer suppers will be ongoing during the Synod and we will plan a barbecue for that Wednesday evening to include the Synod attendees and guests

Sunday School sleep over - Friday November 9th - 6:00 - 9:00 pm

- Children all ages welcome to attend "sleep-over" - wear pajamas
- Games and a movie will be provided - parents get a night off!

Bingo Night - Friday, November 16th

- Brian and Victoria Mulaney have offered to organize a Bingo night with proceeds split 50/50 between winners and church

At Jacob's Well

- Scott Taylor reported that At Jacob's Well recently completed a fund raising event and has met their annual goal of \$450,000 for the upcoming year
- Funds derived from grants as well as private giving, such as St Stephen's provides, will enable AJW to continue to purchase housing
- On-going needs continue to be toiletries and cleaning supplies

Ushers

- Ushers organization needed for scheduling - to be discussed at next vestry meeting

The closing prayer was offered by Fr. John Novicki.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am. The next meeting will be held either Sunday, November 11th or Sunday, November 18th depending on date of annual congregational meeting.

Thank you to those who attended and provided their ideas and suggestions for our upcoming events.

Priscilla and Dick Huffman
Parish Life Committee