

A Summary of Vestry Actions taken at its September 19th Meeting.

Final Cornell Overview

Joe Hammer reported that the Cornell University Chamber Singers were extremely pleased with their visit to the island and hoped to return in the future. Joe thanked all those who hosted members or who helped with the events during the week.

Treasurer's report

Martin McKerrow reported that August was a good month as plate donations and pledges continue to be above the budget projections. Martin noted that at the June 18, 2018 Vestry meeting, the current investment guidelines proposed by the Finance Committee were approved by the Vestry. He requested a 6 month waiver of that portion of those guidelines which require the investments to be in "indexed mutual funds". One fund is not indexed and it will take time to make the changes needed. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to grant the 6 month waiver.

Priest-in-Charge Comments

Max gave a brief review of the educational retreat he recently attended in New Hampshire. 24 clergy attended the event which focused on health, finances, career status and spirituality.

Fellowship committee report

Libby Tracey reviewed the barbecue that will be held this coming Sunday following the hymn sing. The committee also discussed the efforts to welcome the J1 Visa students to the island.

Stewardship update

Pam Goddard reported that Peter Barnes has joined her as co-chair of this year's Stewardship Campaign. A tri-fold brochure is being prepared which should be ready by October 1st and which will be mailed and emailed by October 8th. The in-gathering of all pledges will be on the first Sunday in November.

Long Range Planning committee update

Ken said the committee had met yesterday and drafted proposed changes to the mission statement. The following mission statement was approved unanimously by the Vestry,

"The mission of St. Paul's Church in Nantucket is to make the Love of God more widely known."

Buildings and Grounds report

Robert Inglis said the last of the acoustic tiles will be in place within a week or two. The leak in the women's restroom in Gardner Hall is possibly attributable to a combination of low-flush toilets, infrequent use, and a clog in one of the peat traps. Rectory painting is proceeding. Tree maintenance behind the rectory is scheduled for September 28th.

Warden's reports

Max & Olly will be away November 4-21 for a respite on Block Island. The nominating committee will need to meet over the next two to three months.

Other Business

Martin reiterated the need for someone to keep the website up-to-date. Max reminded us that with so many events coming up, we need to put another newsletter out.