

In Brief – February Meetings (this month, it's actually brief!)

Program Ministry Council

Our meeting schedule this month was revised in order to allow the Vestry to complete a thorough discussion of the 2020 Budget proposal for the Annual Meeting. Therefore, the PMC recommended cancelling their regular meeting. No February PMC.

Vestry

The February meeting was devoted entirely to matters relevant to the Annual Meeting.

➤ 2019 End of Year Balances

Grace Treasurer Deborah Schenk presented the end of year 2019 balances; the year ended with a surplus, mainly due to the strong response from the congregation to Close the Gap. Deborah also recognized the hard work of the staff and program leaders in containing costs.

➤ 2020 Proposed Budget

Deborah, along with the Finance committee, recommended a zero-based (balanced) budget by moving the small 2019 surplus to balance the 2020 budget, and by funding most of Grace's share of the curate's cost from a special bequest (Shaeffer Gift). The vestry was also encouraged to consider a potential gift (if it is received) as "seed money" for a potential Associate Priest in the future.

During the discussion, a motion was made and passed to provide \$1,000 to the budget for professional development for specified staff.

*Refer to the Annual Report for the complete 2020 Budget, which was approved.

➤ Leadership

Don Warkentin presented the final slate of recommended candidates for Vestry, PMC and Diocesan Convention Representatives. The Vestry gratefully approved the slate, to be approved at the Annual Meeting. *Refer to the Annual Report; all candidates were approved by acclamation.

❖ Raising a Glass in Gratitude

After the close of the meeting, the Vestry "toasted" departing members with sparkling cider and heartfelt gratitude for their service. And the gratitude extends to those still on the vestry, as well as those who agreed to serve next terms.

Daphne Davies, Warden

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