

February 2024 Reports

Priest-in-Charge Report

Annual meeting went well and it was a good and short meeting. We had three openings and all were filled, although there was not much competition. We also have all four delegates and alternates that we need for Diocesan convention (April 19 and 20 - St James, Midvale).

I have been recruited for the Diocesan Vitality Initiative, which is a program developed by the Episcopal Church Foundation where a diocesan team will undergo a year of training to rethink and make pertinent changes to the diocesan financial structure. We have had the first in person meeting, we continue to meet with the team and a coach once a month and we have to take a trip to Florida in September. The bishop asked me to be on this team and I am curious to see how it goes, although I am trying to not get my hopes up that a meaningful systemic change will come out of it.

We are starting more serious work regarding the General Convention, we have had a few meetings and between now and June it will get more intense. I am on the committee for Social Justice and International Policy.

I started the Lenten practice, contemplative knitting and we have a small group. I didn't expect many people to join, but the ones that are there are engaged and I think it will become a longer term project of making prayer shawls for our parish. We are also having a pretty fun time with Lent Madness, so that's also good.

The Ash Wednesday services were well attended and Natalie took beautiful pictures both at the Mardi Gras party and at the Ash Wednesday service that were in the newsletter and we can also publish on our website.

The Mardi Gras party was very fun, I love being in the kitchen and being part of preparing everything. I am looking for feedback on what we can do better or differently next year.

Looking forward to the work we do at the retreat and especially to spending Holy Week together!

Senior Warden Report

Andrew has made the change to split out Common Ground funds within the General Fund; so we don't need to look at two reports to get a complete picture. However, that raised a question about how we might want to break out outreach funds, so they stay separate and aren't being used by ministries that they weren't offered for.

We are excited to finally have our new copier purchased and set up. It worked well for our Mardi Gras fliers and Arianne told me that she has liked it so far. I hope it continues to facilitate

our needs. Last I checked, the old copier was still there, but I know Arianne is on it and believe it will be taken care of soon.

I tried to replace the Meditation Garden gate signs, but the keys didn't seem to fit, so we still need to decide what to do there. Worst case scenario would be to cut the old locks off and get new ones.

I think Mardi Gras went well. It was enjoyable for me and everyone seemed to have a good time. I don't know if it was any more successful than prior years, as a fundraiser, but believe that will improve with better advertising and consistency.

Junior Warden Report

Nothing Submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Income

- Pledge contributions were in line with the January monthly budget.
- Plate contributions were above budget for the month of January by approximately \$800.
- Grant income for January was received as expected.
- Overall, income year-to-date was ahead of budget by \$1.2k.

Expense

- Copier costs were over-budget by almost 1k; however, most of this expense pertained to additional printing needs during Advent and Christmas.
- Natural gas expense was well above budget, but other utilities were in line with or under budget.
- The organist and parish administrator expenses were over budget, but some expenses incurred in December were paid in January. Payroll was one of these expenses. There was a \$2.8k deficit for the month of January. Several expenses incurred in December were paid (and recorded) in January. Nonetheless, the results were in line with the budget.