A Vestry Meeting was held on September 28, 2016.

After a brief period of prayer and the approval of the previous Vestry Meeting’s minutes, the Vestry noted with sorrow the passing of former Vestry Member B. B. Sory and adopted a motion that, “B. B. shall be sorely missed. We commend him to God’s loving care, we keep his family in our prayers, and we remember with gratitude his many years of faithful ministry.”

The Vestry reviewed the Church’s financial statements through August 31 and noted that so far this year the Church has earned a modest surplus; Annual Campaign contributions are still less than budget, but other sources of revenue have more than made up the difference.

Paul Coombs presented the plan for the 2017 Annual Campaign, and Mother Kimberly presented how better to recognize planned giving contributors (members of the Heritage Society). The Vestry discussed how better to recognize contributors, including the Church’s policy on wall plaques.

Tanner Rose updated the Vestry on the Church’s efforts to expand its parking. He also reported that the Church needs once again to be treated for termites.

Fr. James reported that the Church has arranged for an off-duty police officer to be present at most services, and the staff and leadership volunteers are working on drafting security procedures. He also reported that the Worship Committee is studying challenges presented by the current schedule on Sunday mornings and is considering what changes may be desirable. Finally, he reported that the Wednesday evening Community Supper, Activities, and Compline Service had been a great success, attended by 73 people.

Frances Fisher reported that she and Susan Keenan have been developing a plan for a large fundraising event like a Gala. Hal Pysher reported that the Cantate Choir is doing well.

The Vestry informally appointed a small committee to review the Church’s By-Laws, with special attention to whether there is any need to revise the mandates of the Vestry’s Standing Subcommittees. The Chancellor, Michele Diffenderfer, will report at the next vestry Meeting on what the Corporate Charter and By-Laws require regarding the filling of a vacant seat on the Vestry.

The next Vestry Meeting will take place at the Vestry retreat on October 28 and 29.