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Vestry Meeting, All in attendance except Milt

Financial Report - we are doing very well so far this fiscal year. With our new budget, our expenses are up $2,000 a week, and we're meeting those needs.

Youth Report from Erin Gerrity. The youth like their new Youth Ministries Director Bobby Steinhauser. He has split the youth up into middle school and high school groups. Attendance is way up for the high school kids – lots of them bring their friends. October 25th is Youth Council Meeting. For the upcoming mission trip they had a choice between Navajo land and New York City. The youth decided they want Navajo land trip. They will have to work on getting up the money. The Navajo trip would cost $1300 per person. The New York trip cost is undetermined as of yet. Erin believes the maximum amount each family can pay towards the cost of the trip is $400. That would require fund raisers to generate the remaining costs per participant.. A lock-in is scheduled for Oct 16 at Salem Gymnastics. The Acolyte trip is planned for this weekend, to Washington D.C. with 2 male and 2 female chaperones.

Commissions: Discussion on names to complete the lists. Do we know how the "terms" of service will be determined? Depends entirely upon the individual. Does each commission have their own chairperson – yes. Fr Steve will hold Commission orientation sessions on Oct 11 & 15 to outline the purpose and specifics for our new structure.

Fr. Steve gave an update on the Assistant Rector position.

New Items: Finance Committee Resolution on Tithing. Discussion. Finance committee is asking that the vestry support the resolution. The vestry supports the Finance Committee's resolution on tithing. More discussion and discernment is needed before the vestry can approve a statement of its own. Resolution tabled for more discussion.

Delegates are needed for the Annual Diocesan convention. Robbie Powell has volunteered. This involves a 3 year commitment. The convention will be in Winston-Salem again this year and next year also. Lea would like names of those interested.

Fr. Steve would like another series of Cottage Meetings to include discussions on how we get people to actually listen, and then how do we get people to care. Attendance was disappointing for the Bring and Sing. Should we instigate a phone tree? Steve would like to see just conversation this time. We have a little bit of apathy, and ideas floating around, but not good ones. Fr Steve wants to know who is willing to host a cottage meeting.

Closing Prayer