**Vestry Committee Report**

**Fundraising Committee**

1. **Core Value:**

In addition to the biblical standard of giving, we also embrace the need for supplemental fundraising activities and events to meet the diverse needs of a growing parish.

**Fundraising Committee of the Strategic Planning Committee:**

Vestry Committee Members

* Robert E. Smith, Chair
* Ebony Smith
* Darrin Dorset
* Patricia Foster-Marks

1. **Date Submitted: May 20, 2017**
2. **Summary statement of progress toward implementing 2017 objectives:**

Fundraising can be very challenging and a difficult task to implement especially with a small established organization and/or parish community. This is a reasonable assumption when there are many completing fundraising events from various ministries drawing from the same sources. The Chair has received a number of brief project proposal descriptions from Committee members and some suggestions from Church parish members. The Committee will determine which are viable.

The following project is proposed for implementation for the Fall 2017:

* The Chair has worked with the Men’s Club on a fundraising Project entitled “The One-Man Band.”
* Ron Duskin is a local multi-instrumentalist entertainer. He plays a number of genres ( jazz, R&B, reggae, etc.) He is very talented.
* Mr. Duskin has tentatively agreed to perform on September 16. This date needs approval and placed on the Calendar.
* This fundraising event will be lead by the Fundraising Committee but is open to support from the Men’s Club who may coop this activity and any other ministry that may wish to join the effort to sell tickets (Parish, relatives and community).
* The cost of the entertainer is $400 for three hours. The Chair will donate the first $200.00.
* Logistics are being worked on and hopefully an announcement will come soon.

1. **Progress toward 5 Year Goals:**

* Given the ambitious goals of our outreach ministries and the needs of our parish in additiona to our aging Church structure, the Committee will be working on making fundraising an annual event to supplement our stewardship funding which is largely through our envelopes, donations and general plate collections.
* There are innovative ideas being suggested of which one about to be implemented is entitled “Do More 24” this May and June. Depending of the success of this fundraiser, it may become an annual event. It is currently headed by Rochelle Harley.

1. **Recommended modifications to specific Objectives:**

None are seriously recommended at this time, however, better coordination between various ministries fundraising for similar causes in Atonement, particularly in outreach activities, should be explored.

1. **Request for resources or assistance:**

* Resources and assistance for future fundraisers will depend on the type of event and where the event is held.
* As the “One-Man Band” project is implemented, there will likely be a request for partial funds to supplement the payment for the entertainment and possible food as appropriate. Private donations (money and food) request may prevent this need. More will be known once all the logistics are worked out.
* Atonement will be the likely facility to hold this event, however, if ticket sells exceed seating capacity for the Church, other facilities (list given by Rev. Irving) may be considered. If necessary, such a change of venue will require funds.