VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

Attendees: Janet Moorman, Chris Estey, Ruth Warner, Jay Jacobson, Sue Ramsley, Peter Dittman, Ralph Edwards, John Diercks, Susan Cholakis

Absent: Phil Robidoux

Vestry Business:

1. Opening Prayer – Sue Ramsley led the Vestry in opening prayer.

2. Clergy Assignment – Janet Moorman reported that she has not received any word from the Diocese on the congregational development grant or clergy assignment. She will call the Diocese office and check on the status.

3. August Meeting Minutes – The August meeting minutes were voted on and unanimously approved by the Vestry.

4. Thrift Shop – Thelma Graves presented a general proposal to the vestry for opening a thrift shop. The vestry agreed that it would be viable, but needs the specific details about it (when, where, how, etc.) in order to make a decision. Additionally, several questions were posed by the vestry to be answered before further discussions can be held. These questions were:
   > where would the items be stored?
   > who would help with the work involved?
   > when would the thrift shop be opened?
   > where would the thrift shop be located?
   > would the thrift shop only deal with clothes, or would it have other items?

   Thelma agreed to investigate the answers to the questions and report back to the vestry with the answers and specific details.

5. Daily E-Devotional – Peter Dittman spoke with the company and person who runs the daily e-devotional. We were in arrears from March and therefore the service was discontinued. Peter will conduct a survey to see if there is significant interest in starting it up again. Also he will check if there are other companies or options to what we were using.

6. Sunday Services – If the Diocese does not have a definitive answer soon regarding the congregational development grant and the clergy assignment, Ruth Warner will speak with Fr. Mike Billingsley and see if he is available to do the Blessing of the Animals service and those for following Sundays.

7. Sunday School – We are still short 4 teachers. We need two Godly play teachers, one Rite 13 teacher and one Journey to Adulthood teacher to fully staff the program.

8. Property – No property issues were reported.

9. Hospitality – The following hospitality items were discussed:

- St. Paul's is moving forward with getting the kitchen setup so we can open it up to public events. The board of health inspector came and gave Ruth a few items to be addressed. These items have small if any cost involved.

- Sue Ramsley attended the food management course and passed the certification test. Sue requested that someone else do the same so that we have two certified people. Peter Dittman will put a request for volunteers in the Epistle.

- The pot luck dinner is still scheduled for October 15th. The entertainment is not confirmed. Davison Welch and Ralph Edwards are working on it.

- The rummage sale is scheduled for October 22nd.

- Ruth Warner asked for volunteers to help with Polyarts. She especially needs volunteers to setup and breakdown. Jay Jacobson and Chris Estey volunteered to help.

10. Financial – Susan Cholakis reported:

    - The golf tournament proceeds are not tallied yet.

    - August pledge collections were good for a typically slow August.

    - Susan and Phil will be printing pledge statements soon.

11. Outreach – The yard sale was very successful and the rummage sale will hopefully have the same success in October.

12. Fund Raisers – Chris Estey reported that we may hand off the running of the annual golf tournament to Project Just Because. We found that there are some businesses and people who are reluctant to participate because it is run by a church.

13. Communications Grant – Jay Jacobson is working on a brochure/welcome package for newcomers. He plans to have a leaflet to hand out at Polyarts. Further communications grant work will be suspended until the clergy assignment is made so the new rector will have input into the work.

14. New Business discussed:

    - The vestry from Trinity Church in Milford offered St. Paul's the use of their rector for pastoral care and a Wednesday night Eucharist service.

    - A note was made to the meeting minutes that the vestry unanimously approved Bishop Cederholm's plan for a priest-in-residence assignment for St. Paul's, supplemented financially by a congregational development grant from the Diocese.

15. Closing Prayer – Sue Ramsley led the vestry in a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.