

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

January 31, 2006

Attendees: Fr. Mike Billingsley, Jay Jacobson, Ruth Warner, Chris Estey, Sue Ramsley, John Diercks, Dianne Belamarich, Peter Dittman

Absent: Susan Cholakis, Ralph Edwards, Phil Robidoux, Gretchen Carr

Vestry Business:

1. Opening Prayer – Fr. Mike led the Vestry in opening prayer.
2. New Member(s) – The vestry welcomed new vestry member(s)
3. Scout Project Proposal – Sean Donahue presented preliminary plans for his Eagle Scout project of constructing a labyrinth on the church grounds. He came prepared with “12 reasons why a church should have a labyrinth” Other discussions around:

Styles/Patterns: classical style is suggested as it is the most common style

Proposed location: Facing the front door, the area to the left of the building

Materials: variety presented, final determination to be presented later

Time Line: Hope to start early April and finish by late June

Sean is invited back to the next vestry meeting to present cost estimates and more details.

Fr. Mike talked about his experiences having walked a labyrinth. He described it as “extremely spiritual”. It’s a gift to the entire community, not just the church.

4. Annual Meeting Recap – Jay passed out a summary to be printed in the next Epistle
5. January Meeting Minutes – The January meeting minutes were voted on and unanimously approved by the Vestry.
6. Priest in Residence Letter of agreement was unanimously approved.
7. Parochial report was unanimously approved. To be filed on line by Dianne.
8. Reports:
 - a) Sunday School – Ruth reported “all is well” Fr. Mike reported that Wed. eve. Adult ed is attended by approximately 7 people.
 - b) Property – Ruth reported “status quo”. Jim is still working on getting the plastic up on the upper windows in the hall. The office roof problem is being researched further. Looking for possible donations to the building fund to pay for what ever the roof needs (repair or replace)
 - c) Hospitality – Ruth Warner reported that the annual meeting went well with approx. \$300 spent on the caterer. She stressed that we need someone to “Head up” hospitality as she is becoming over burdened.
 - d) Financial – Jay passed out Financial statements for the month of January in Phil’s absence
 - e) Communications – New office stationary, designed by Jay, was presented. Jay will order a year’s supply

- f) Outreach – Ruth reported that Project Just Because has “picked up” and Ralph Edwards is still making regular clothing deliveries to Serenity House
- g) Fund Raisers
 - Rummage sale set for April 29th.
 - Parking for Marathon again this year.
 - Holiday Fair briefly discussed.
- h) Stewardship – Chris and John reported that a couple of pledge cards were handed out at the annual meeting. The stewardship campaign went better than they ever could’ve imagined.
- i) Fr. Mike’s Report – Fr. Mike discussed the following items:
 - 1. Attendance Report
 - 2. Members of the vestry that are not officially members of the parish to complete parishioner profile reports to get their “official” memberships expedited.
 - 3. Pastoral Care – Mike visited Susan C. who is still undergoing difficult rehab after surgery
 - 4. J2A – 5 to 7 kids in attendance. Need an adult (male) to work with Jennifer Dilegge. Jennifer has done the program before and has a really good understanding of how it is run. Fr. Mike will stay on teaching until a replacement is found.
 - 5. Rite 13 – Need an adult (female) to work with Chris Estey. Right now he is teaching solo.
 - 6. Diocese – will provide funding to higher a consultant from the Alban Institute for new member ministries. Diocesan grant money will be used to pay St. Paul’s contribution toward the consultant fee Jay and Fr. Mike to brainstorm on getting this rolling.
 - 7. 2 people sent in “new comer” cards (from the pew) that are interested in becoming members.
 - 8. 2 families that used to attend St. Paul’s visited this past Sunday and appear interested in returning.
- 9. Old Business – Sue R. has done the research for St. Paul’s to host a seminar/class on being a “Safe Church”. The earliest possible date is November 2006. Sue will make the arrangements to move forward with this.
- 10. New Business – Carol Spengler will be issued a donation form for tax purposes.
 - Name Tags – Some people have the nice formal name tags and others would like them. Briefly discussed how to fund getting these for everyone. Maybe tie them to the purchase of a bumper sticker
- 11. Next vestry meeting - Tuesday, March 7, 2006
- 12. Closing prayer – Fr. Mike led the vestry in a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.