

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2007

Attendees: Fr. Mike Billingsley, Jay Jacobson, Ruth Warner, Sue Ramsley, Dianne Belamarich, Peter Dittman, Phil Robidoux, Chris Estey, Gretchen Carr, Steve Pelletier, Mary Arnaut, John Diercks, Roger Mahoney

VESTRY BUSINESS

1. Opening Prayer (Fr. Mike) – Fr. Mike led the Vestry in Opening Prayer
2. 03/8/07 vestry meeting minutes approved with minor edits (3 abstentions)
3. Congregational Development Work:
 - Summary of 4/2/07 Collaboration Meeting (Jay/Fr. Mike) The meeting went well. Discussed supply clergy and Fr. Mike's agreement. 2007 "Shepherd's Letter of Agreement" from Christ Church Medway. Christ Church is looking for an Almoner to handle their discretionary account and according to the agreement St. Paul's has to have one also. St. Paul's vestry needs to sign the agreement letter.
 - Next meeting is Monday 5/7/07 Supply Clergy: been working with a candidate for short-term and it's not working out. Diocese has made another suggestion. His name is David Johnston and it looks like he could work out.
4. Reports:
 - Sunday School (Jay/Ruth) The Noise level between services is too much. St. Paul's SS will move back to 10:30 and we'll ask Grace to end coffee hour promptly at 10:25.
 - Property (Ruth) Jim replaced the main bathroom's door handle.
 - Hospitality (Gretchen) We'll continue with joint coffee hour but whoever signs up to host only has to set up...stragglers from St. Paul's coffee hour will clean up.
 - Financial/Budget (Phil) First time since Phil's been treasurer, tithes and offerings actual has been higher than budgeted.
 - Communications Grant – report of activity (Jay) Not completed yet.
 - Outreach/Fund Raisers (Ruth/Dianne) Rummage sale 4/28. We're not doing Marathon Day parking but will offer it to Grace if they want to hold a fundraiser. We're talking about doing a silent auction in June with the Patriot's stuff that Rich Belleveau donated. We'll hold a function on St. Paul's day with a BBQ, whiffle ball, maybe a moonwalk.
 - Stewardship (John/Chris/Steve)
 - Safe Church (Jay) Hasn't started rolling yet.
 - Priest-in-Residence Report (Fr. Mike) At the Special Convention of the Diocese, that Frank and Fr. Mike attended, Bishop Shaw showed slides...the buzz words were Vital and Viable. Among the parishes with children involved in services, 65% are growing, those with out children involved – 75% are shrinking. We should look toward having one of the teens be a rep for the youth of the church at meetings. The Vital Congregations information packet is geared more toward large churches. Small churches need to just work with pieces of the program. Fr. Mike obtained some resource information at the afternoon session.
5. Old Business:
 - Vestry Retreat – Saturday, May 5, 2007 (Jay/Fr. Mike) At the Warren Center in Ashland. Breakfast 8:30. 9AM meeting start time. We've asked the diocese for a coach but we'll move forward without if we have to.
 - Parish Self Assessment (Fr. Mike)
6. New Business:
 - Parochial Report Approval (Jay/Fr. Mike) ready for submission as approved by the vestry

- Convention Delegate Certification (Fr. Mike) Need to certify Frank as primary and Mary as secondary. Obtained required vestry signatures for submission to the diocese.
- List Rental Fee – motion to discontinue the list rental and monthly mailing unanimously approved by the vestry.

7. Next vestry meeting Wednesday, 5/2/07, 7:00 PM

8. Closing prayer and adjournment – Fr. Mike lead the vestry in a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned