

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 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

Absent: John Diercks, Roger Mahoney

VESTRY BUSINESS

1. Opening Prayer (Fr. Mike) – Fr. Mike led the Vestry in Opening Prayer

2. Welcome new vestry members (Jay)

Sue asked the new vestry members to tell us what made them decide to join the vestry

Mary – honored to have been asked and hopes her service to the church is what we're looking for.

Steve – also honored. Found St. Paul's to be the most welcoming church he visited and it looked like it would be a good home. He too hopes to be able to offer to St. Paul's what we're looking for.

3. New vestry member focus – Jay presented the options to the new members.

4. 1/3/07 vestry meeting minutes approved with minor edits

5. Annual meeting summary (Jay) – The meeting went extremely well. Very positive. Best meeting in years.

6. Congregational Development Work:

Collaboration meeting on Monday. A lot of positive energy. Brainstormed and created a list of tasks to be done. Andy Starkis will be **St. Paul's** co-chair. Jay volunteered to be clerk. St. Paul's talk force will consist of Jane Desilets, Andy Starkis, Ruth Warner, Fr. Mike, Jay Jacobson, Frank Chase and Sue Ramsley. The team will meet on the first Monday of each month from 7-9. It's an open meeting... anyone is welcome to attend. The vestry needs to officially appoint this task force.... Moved and unanimously approved

➤ Summary of Collaboration Meeting Wed. 1/23/07 & future schedule (Jay/Fr. Mike)

Task force needs to discuss an appropriate approach for on-line access of information. Maybe a new web site; maybe a sub-domain access from the current St. Paul's web site. Sue Ramsley will discuss details with Peter Dittman.

7. Safe Church Training:

➤ Safe Church Committee formed. Andy Starkis has agreed to be the "Safe Church Coordinator". Committee members: Pat Donahue, Vicky Jacobson, and Dianne Belamarich as vestry representation.

8. Mental Health Services Update – Sue met with a Psychiatrist, today, regarding a collaborative effort and arrangements are in process.

9. Reports:

- Sunday – Is 10:15 working... too soon to tell.
- Property – Smooth. Side entry steps in need of repair. It's time to take a hard look around the building and assess the areas of need.
- Hospitality – met with Nancy (Grace Hospitality). They have someone signed up for every other week. We need people to sign up. St. Paul's members aren't really attending the joint coffee hour... still looking for that after service coffee get together.
- Financial/Budget – Thrilled to report that there's a new computer in the office and the treasurer's reports are on it and the Asst. Treasurer was able to enter data on it. Anticipating our utility bills getting back to where they should be for winter. There's now a keypad safe in the office. Very excited to have an assistant now that Mary is on board. Leigh Dry has asked if we could invoice them monthly for their rent.
- Communications Grant – office computer, report of activity – Work is done, money is spent. Jay will do an activity report for the diocese to show exactly where the money went. New internet service to be installed – Peter and Chris to discuss "off line" about the logistics. Peter re-hosted the website giving us more capabilities than we've had before.

- Outreach/Fund Raisers – Dianne and Ruth to co-chair. Need to pick a date for the rummage sale. Recruit someone to handle Marathon day parking.
- Stewardship – status quo
- Priest-in-Residence Report – Attendance is up from last year. Fr. Mike handed out “Vital Congregations”, self assessment literature for us to read and discuss at the next meeting. The vestry needs to attend a retreat. The 2007 letter of agreement is more specific than last year. Vestry to review and vote on it via email. Priscilla Wood will be our minister this Sunday and Fr. Mike will preach at Christ Church, Medway.... The start of the collaborative effort. Fr. Mike presented the tentative schedule for Holy week.

10. Old Business:

- Job Descriptions – Completed. To be kept in the office and Peter will post on the website.
- Review of Volunteer form – deferred to the committee to bring back and present to the vestry.

11. Next vestry meeting Thursday, 3/8/07, 7:00 PM

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