

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

January 3, 2007

Attendees: Fr. Mike Billingsley, Jay Jacobson, Ruth Warner, Sue Ramsley, Dianne Belamarich, Peter Dittman, Phil Robidoux, Chris Estey, Gretchen Carr

Absent: John Diercks

VESTRY BUSINESS

1. Opening Prayer – Fr. Mike led the Vestry in Opening Prayer
2. 12/6/06 vestry meeting minutes approval vote – unanimously approved with minor edits
3. Congregational Development Work:
 - Cluster committee – Jan.23 with Alice Mann – The Bishop asked us to get a committee of four together.
 - Dec. 19 meeting with Bishop Cederholm summary (Jay/Fr. Mike) – very positive meeting. The Bishop was very enthusiastic about our progress and was willing to pay for the consultant to help us continue. Bishop Bud approved the other half of our grant with a string attached... beginning May 1, Fr. Mike is to pick up the administrative business for Medway church.
 - Dec. 7 meeting with GUMC summary/Transition Committee planning– all of the proposals were agreed upon. We still need to get a committee together to work out details.
4. Mental Health Services Update – Sue had a chance meeting with an employee at FCCH who may be able to help facilitate a relationship with them, in addition to St. Paul's for mental health services.
5. Vestry Nomination Committee Report – Steve Pelletier is interested. Mary Arnaut is interest with a couple of reservations that Fr. Mike addressed with her. She is willing to join vestry as Asst. Treasurer. Phil will speak with Roger Mahoney about joining vestry. Ruth is willing to stay on just not as Jr. Warden. She will stay on as Property chairperson.
6. Reports:
 - Sunday School – Time change to 10:15. J2A kids will be receiving confirmation at the Concord River Deanery on March 31.
 - Property – Comcast was at the facility looking for where the power comes into the building. Ruth told them where the only telephone pole was but doesn't know if they actually assessed it. Ruth will ask Jim if he could make a new piece of wood listing our service time for the sign out front.
 - Hospitality – Looking for direction regarding the food for the annual meeting. Decided on a potluck in order to save money to have a caterer for the Bishop's visit.
 - Financial/Budget
 - a. We need to vote on the Housing allowance for Fr. Mike.—same as last year: As we do not provide Fr. Mike with a Rectory, \$30,000 of his total compensation is designated to be housing allowance to be applied to 2007 and all future years, unless otherwise specified.

- b. We're in the black. We've got some money to carry forward. We'll be presenting an almost balanced budget (Good Faith Budget). Vestry unanimously accepted the budget as proposed with minor edits.
 - c. Special thanks to David Spengler for all of his help this year.
 - Communications – The office needs a new computer. Chris will order from Dell.
 - Outreach/Fund Raisers – Basket Sale brought in \$350+/- . The parishioners that worked it would like to see the funds go to Project Just Because.
 - Stewardship – \$53,896 with 38 pledging units. 7 new, 12 increases, 3 non-renewals (illness, leavers and financial situations) Will put copies in the new comers packets.
 - Fr. Mike's Report
 - a. Attendance is up over last year
 - b. Dec. 20th's Blue Christmas Service was well received. We will definitely plan to do it again next year and publicize it more.
 - c. Blessed year. The vestry's work has been very appreciated.
 - d. Fr. Mike's relationship with St. Paul's is beginning to change. This year his job is to get us ready for the point where we're ready for a collaborative. 2006 was more of a chaplain to the vestry type role. 2007 he will be telling us the things we need to do to move forward. Now thru May 1 he will be asking us to collaborate with Medway to have things uniform, particularly with the office administration.
7. Old Business:
 - Job Descriptions – Jay needs officers to sign off on their job descriptions and turn them into him asap.
8. New Business:
 - Annual meeting planning – Dianne will compile the annual report and has permission from her office to make the copies at no cost to the parish.
 - Fr. Mike's letter of agreement for 2007 – Fr. Mike, Jay and Phil will be working on this.
9. Next vestry meeting February 7, 2007
10. Closing prayer and adjournment – Mike led the vestry in a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.