

# **VESTRY MEETING MINUTES**

**June 6, 2007**

**Attendees:** Fr. Mike Billingsley, Ruth Warner, Dianne Belamarich, Peter Dittman, Phil Robidoux, Sue Ramsley, Steve Pelletier, Mary Arnaut, John Diercks

Absent: Gretchen Carr, Roger Mahoney, Jay Jacobson

## **VESTRY BUSINESS**

1. Opening Prayer (Fr. Mike) – Fr. Mike led the Vestry in Opening Prayer.
2. 5/2/07 vestry meeting minutes approved with one abstention due to absence.
3. Reports:
  - Property
    - a. Ruth has asked Ida's crew to tidy up on Fridays so the landscaper can get at the yard.
    - b. Beth from the board of health did another surprise visit and we passed again.
    - c. Roger Mahoney talked with Sue about being a second person to take the ServeSafe training for the kitchen. Ruth mentioned to Grace Methodist Church that they should also have someone take the training.
    - d. The Boy Scout Blood drive was a huge success.
    - e. Ruth distributed several estimates for exterior painting. Need to talk about starting a capital campaign to raise money for all the other things that also need to be done in the building along with paying of the Stokes loan which was obtained when the roof was done and the floor painted. The vestry unanimously approved accepting the bid from "No Risk Painting" from Allston, MA.
    - f. Handicap Parking signs have been installed.
    - g. Concrete steps repair almost completed.
    - h. Painted Mike's office and have the paint to do the secretary's office
    - i. Back steps need some slight repair before we paint. Also some T111 needs to be replaced.
    - j. Security locks. Ruth and Mike talked about replacing the office locks and the sacristy doors and the locks have been purchased.
    - k. Sunday School room door – Dianne to discuss the fix with Mark and making it at their expense.
  - Financial/Budget (Phil) – Mary expressed confusion over our Assessment payments and the phone calls with the diocese. Phil suggested she defer them to his cell because he has all the details and proof of what we've paid and what we owe.
    - a. Profit & Loss statement and Actual vs. Budgeted: similar documents. Going thru the line items and we are in the black again! Large part due to the grant from the diocese and issues with the diocese not recognizing Fr. Mike's Pension fund which we haven't rec'd a statement for in a while – should be about \$5K
    - b. MCI bill higher than expected. Phil will look into what we did last year to lower it.
    - c. Rec'd a statement on the Diocesan Investment Accounts. We rec'd an interest payment on our investments.
    - d. Phil will get the following for Fr. Mike: Utility bills for analyzing. Delta Dental allowance paid.

- e. 2005 audit well under way. Mary is working on getting 2006 organized and ready for audit.
  - HMCM – Monday night’s meeting was cancelled. David Johnston signed his agreement and now we need to sign off on it. Fr. Johnston presided over a rather large baptism at Christ Church – there were 96 people in attendance... Predominantly Roman Catholics.
  - Priest-in-Residence Report (Fr. Mike)
  - May attendance was extremely disappointing.
    - a. Some of the decrease can be rationalized but it’s down more than one would expect. The potential is out there to have Mother’s Day and Father’s Day be big attendance Sunday’s.
    - b. Carol Spengler was in the hospital and out of service until the end of the Summer. Barbara (from Grace) will cover 3 June Sunday’s and Gretchen will do one Sunday. Sue moved that we fund this service payment with funds from the general fund as we don’t have a budget for it and it was unanimously approved.
    - c. Blessing of the Bikes – Mike read an article about a church in CA that did this for motorcycles. We should expand it to bicycles. Need to pick a date, make the plans. Looking for someone to coordinate this effort.
    - d. Inviting or Welcoming – There is a difference. What happens when visitors come. Do you have a plan for welcoming them. Inviting is saying to a friend “how would you like to come to our church”? Would being inviting mean maybe we pay for advertising? Let’s think about how we make our church inviting in addition to being welcoming.
  - Fundraising – Phil made the motion that we choose 2 dates in 2008 to invite Skinner of Boston in to do an Antiques appraisal night. Ruth and Dianne will choose the dates and submit them to Skinner. Dianne and Ruth will report on the fundraising/outreach committee that has meet once already to present at the next vestry meeting.
4. Next three vestry meetings: Wednesday, 7/11/07, 8/8/07 and 9/5/07 at 7:00 PM
  5. Closing prayer and adjournment (Fr. Mike) - Fr. Mike lead the vestry in a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.