

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2007

Vestry Business:

Attendees: Fr. Mike Billingsley, Jay Jacobson, Ruth Warner, Sue Ramsley, Dianne Belamarich, Peter Dittman, Gretchen Carr, Steve Pelletier, Mary Arnaut

Absent: Phil Robidoux, Chris Estey, John Diercks, Roger Mahoney

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1. **Opening Prayer** (Fr. Mike) – Fr. Mike led the Vestry in Opening Prayer
2. **2/7/06 vestry meeting minutes** approved
3. **Congregational Development Work:**
 - Summary of 3/5/07 Collaboration Meeting (Jay/Fr. Mike): The collaborative effort is moving right along. Fr. Mike has met with a supply clergy person who could take over when Priscilla retires. The Bristol Cluster has given Fr. Mike information on their cluster ministries. Peter set up a new subdomain webpage which can be linked to both church websites. Being referred to as the HMCM (Hopkinton-Medway Collaborative Ministries)
 - Next meetings are Wed. 3/21/07 with Alice Mann and Mon. 4/2/07
4. **Mental Health Services Update** (Sue) – Coming along very well. Sue met with a Psychiatrist who has agreed to collaborate with her. He'd like her to see patients there for a while before he's willing to consider letting her see patients at St. Paul's.
5. **Reports:**
 - **Sunday School** (Jay/Ruth) – Noise level in the parish hall at 10:15 is too much for classes
 - **Property** (Ruth) – Hopk. Police performed a random audit and determined that our HP signs are insufficient. A bad faucet in the daycare has been replaced and a plugged toilet repaired. Scouts want to use the hall in June for a blood drive. The diocese has a risk assessment person that will be going to area churches to assess the property for safety. Need to look at the siding out front as soon as we get good weather.
 - **Hospitality** (Gretchen) – Still doing a dual sign up. Got a BJ's card. Confirmation 3/31 – going to have a special coffee hour for the kids on 4/1
 - **Financial/Budget** (Phil) – Mary reviewed all of 2006 and matched deposits...to cash...to statements, etc. All tied out except for 2/11/06 (Fr. Mike looked it up and we were snowed out that day). Going to review expenditures next. We're in the black.
 - **Communications Grant** – report of activity (Jay) – Working on a report for the diocese to report where the money was spent
 - **Outreach/Fund Raisers** (Ruth/Dianne) – Rummage sale date set for 4/28. Think about what to do with the Patriots items Rich B. donated.
 - **Stewardship** (John/Chris/Steve) – Steve will meet with Chris and John to get acquainted with Stewardship
 - **Safe Church** (Jay) – April 22, Safe Church committee commissioned
 - **Priest-in-Residence Report** (Fr. Mike) – Feb. numbers down...watching March carefully. It's time for the parochial report...waiting on financial data before presenting to vestry for filing. Easter/Holy week schedule...haven't had great success with free listings, so may try paid advertising.

6. **Old Business:**

- Fr. Mike's letter of agreement for 2007 vote (Jay/Fr. Mike) – Approved via email
- Vestry Retreat – new proposed dates (Jay/Fr. Mike) – May 5 chosen.

7. **New Business:**

- Parish Self Assessment (Fr. Mike) At the last vestry meeting, Fr. Mike passed out paperwork on Parish Self Assessment for Vestry members to read over and discuss. Need to plan a retreat to get some important work done on this. We've actually already done some of it.
- Signage vs. Mailing list rental – to discuss next meeting.

8. **Next vestry meeting** Thursday, 4/11/07, 7:00 PM

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