

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2007

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

Absent: Chris Estey, Sue Ramsley, Steve Pelletier

VESTRY BUSINESS

1. Opening Prayer (Fr. Mike) – Fr. Mike led the Vestry in Opening Prayer.
2. 4/11/07 vestry meeting minutes approved.
3. Congregational Development Work:
 - Jane Desilets has resigned from the task force due to her temporary move to Princeton. We'll need to fill her slot.
 - Next meeting is Monday 5/7/07 at St. Paul's.
 - Status of Supply Clergy Assignment (Fr. Mike) Draft of Letter of Agreement/Covenant presented to the vestry for David Johnston to serve as the part time rector of the HMCM collaborative.
4. Reports:
 - Sunday School (Jay/Ruth) – Teacher appreciation, Sunday June 3 with a pot luck lunch.
 - Property (Ruth) – Scott offered to do our spring clean up. Will need to be funded for having the parking lot swept. Cost approx. \$300. Going to talk to Ida about cleaning up the play yard every Friday. HP signs will be installed in the near future. Obtaining an estimate for painting the exterior of the church.
 - Hospitality (Gretchen) – Coffee Hour: Grace will provide set up and we'll do clean up. Need people to sign up to provide snacks for coffee hour. Pot Luck this Sunday.
 - Financial/Budget (Phil) – Confusion over our Assessment payments over the past couple of years. Mary is in touch with the diocese on this. Have a letter from the diocese regarding an environmental assessment they want us to do. Actual vs. Budgeted... In the black! - Large part due to the grant from the diocese.
 - Communications Grant (Jay) – No activity. Jay will be doing a report.
 - Outreach/Fund Raisers (Ruth/Dianne) – Ruth motioned that we take half of the Rummage Sale Earnings and put it toward the building fund. Then split the other half between Heffer International and Project Just Because – unanimously approved by the vestry. Forming a fundraising committee. Ideas being discussed: Having Skinner of Boston come in for an “Antiques Road Show” type of fundraiser. St. Paul's day auction discussed at last vestry meeting will be put off until the fall so more time and energy can be put toward organizing it.
 - Stewardship (John/Chris/Steve) – Pledges to date are higher than usual but loose plate is lower than usual to date. John looking for a report to show pledging members and who has pledge what to see where we're at for sure.
 - Safe Church (Jay) – Committee commissioned. Should start to see some activity soon.
 - Priest-in-Residence Report (Fr. Mike) – Carol Spengler having surgery Friday and will be out for a month. Fr. Mike has talked to Barbara Paquette from Grace about covering for Carol. Need vestry approval to spend up to \$400 to pay for music - unanimously approved. Regarding summer music – Fr. Mike has spoken to the two musicians that

helped us out last summer along with Sherry Jackson about their availability. Starting Monday, May 7, Fr. Mike will be at Grace Church in Medway on Monday's. On vacation May 14 through May 29 (2 Sunday's). Officiating at a funeral at Christ Church on Friday for the Medway Lacrosse student who died last week. Attendance: down from April 2006 but way up from 2005. Video presentation from the diocesan convention – in the afternoon on Saturday at our retreat we will talk about what the slides mean to us and how we can use them.

5. Old Business:

- Vestry Retreat – Saturday, May 5, 2007 (Jay/Fr. Mike) Breakfast 8-9, meeting to commence promptly at 9AM. Lunch at 12. Wrap up by 4PM.

6. New Business:

- Open Vestry Position (Jay/Fr. Mike) – do we want to fill it.

7. Next vestry meeting Wednesday, 6/6/07, 7:00 PM

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