

## VESTRY MEETING

**October 3, 2007**

**Attendees:** Ruth Warner, Dianne Belamarich, Jay Jacobson, Gretchen Carr, Sue Ramsley, Phil Robidoux, Peter Dittman, John Diercks

**Absent:** Fr. Mike Billingsley, Steve Pelletier, Mary Arnaut

### VESTRY BUSINESS

1. Opening Prayer
2. Matt Dry Eagle Scout Project – no news yet.
3. 9/5/07 vestry meeting minutes unanimously approved as amended with abstentions of absentee members
4. Collaboration Work:
  - Report of 9/22/07 Collaboration Retreat – Sue reported: There seems to be confusion with St. Paul's parishioners regarding the whole collaboration effort. There have been rumblings about why Fr. Johnston is here once a month. More communication is needed. A subgroup of the collaboration team is working on the covenant agreement between the two parishes. Peter discussed adding a FAQ's section in the next Epistle to cover the subject. Next collaboration meeting 10/15/2007 at Christ Church, Medway.
5. Reports:
  - Sunday School (Jay/Ruth) – Ruth, Jiggs and Pam Litchfield attended J2A training. Ruth reported that the course was excellent. Phil sat in on one Caroline's classes and was very impressed.
  - Property (Ruth) – Seminar last Sunday was excellent. Cancelled Fall clean-up with Scott. Ruth delivered the letter to Ida, but hasn't had any response. No news to report on the signage for Grace UMC.
  - Hospitality (Gretchen) – brunch coming up on Oct. 14.
  - Financial/Budget (Phil) – Status of Audits & Assessment Payments. The checking account is in better shape than we thought. There was a partial reconciliation in the system, which caused the numbers to be skewed last month.
  - Outreach/Fund Raisers (Ruth/Dianne) – Polyarts brought in \$260. Donated 25 pairs of sneakers to PJB as a result of the clean-up seminar.
  - Stewardship (John/Steve) – 2008 Budget Planning Meeting. Need a kick off date and a budget number to come up with a pledge number to shoot for. Came up with an informal goal of \$65K and Nov. 11 for the date. Jay will talk to Fr. Mike about having the Budget meeting in October.
  - Safe Church (Jay) – Andy has been spread a little thin. Coming up with guidelines will likely need to be postponed until at least January.
6. Old Business:
  - Community Outreach – Health Insurance Info session (Mary) – no report
  - GUMC Signage (Jay) – no report
7. New Business:
  - 2008 Vestry Nominating Committee & Open Positions – John, Phil and Jay's terms are up. Jay, Phil and Ruth have volunteered to be on the nominating committee.
  - Halloween Party – Oct. 27, 2007
8. Nick Dittman Eagle Scout Project Presentation – replace the paved walkways with pavers. And install some new shrubbery. The vestry unanimously approved Nick's initial presentation with one abstention (Peter/Dad).
9. Next vestry meeting Wed., 11/7/07, 7:00 PM
10. Closing prayer and adjournment – Sue lead the vestry in a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.