

Vestry Meeting
April 2, 2008

Attendees: Fr. Mike Billingsley, Dianne Belamarich, Steve Pelletier, Sue Ramsley, Frank Chase, John Pavlov, Sally Snyder, Gretchen Carr, Mary Arnaut, David Spangler

Absent: Ruth Warner

Vestry Business:

1. Opening Prayer – Fr. Mike lead the vestry in opening prayer.
2. 3/5/2008 Vestry meeting minutes unanimously approved by the vestry.
3. Reports:
 - Sunday School – Marci Cox and Linda Lee have agreed to share the responsibility of being the Sunday School Superintendent(s) this fall.
 - Property – Scott's Landscaping bill. There are 2 invoices totaling close to \$5K. Ruth was going to contact them but we don't know if she has yet. We've agreed to pay them a sum of money and discuss the bill with Scott later. John will call Scott directly. There was service on the furnace a couple of weeks ago, so we should expect a bill in the near future. Ruth and Mary talked about maybe getting a service contract with the service company. As of yesterday, Ida was supposed to let us know if she was going to stay, but we haven't heard from her yet.
 - Hospitality – Nothing to report.
 - Treasurer's – Mary went over the Actual vs. Budgeted income and expenses and we ended the quarter in the black. April's projected doesn't look as positive at first glance.
 - Outreach/Fund Raisers – Rummage sale is scheduled for 4/26. Dianne will talk with Ruth and determine if we shouldn't push it into May given that that is School Vacation week. Dianne has lost enthusiasm for spearheading the art auction project, but will continue to think about it. Dave mentioned that maybe the present economy couldn't handle such a fundraiser at this time. Amvets sent a request for donations. We decided not to donate at this time.
 - Stewardship – Nothing really to report. Steve asked Mary to look at 1st quarter numbers and see if pledges are falling where they are projected.
 - Shepherd's Report – Easter attendance was a little light. Pastoral care: Of course, we all know about Ruth's recent situation. Mabel McGee fell at home and has lost use of her left leg. She's been in the hospital and is presently in a facility in Whitinsville – this has been quite tiring for Pam Main. Frank will be having knee surgery next week. Andy Starkis just lost his Mother. So if anyone is available for cooking or errands please volunteer.
4. Old Business:
 - Vestry Committees – there are a couple of areas still outstanding. Members can visit the website to review the details of the various areas of focus.
 - ESL Summer Rental – Steve will finalize the agreement with them. John Diercks said as long as the group shows us proof of their insurance we're all set on that end.
 - Property Rental Coordinator – Dave has decided that he can't take this on, but Mary thinks she may be able to. She'd like it to be more definitive as to what we charge for which parts of the building. We decided to have an adhoc committee on this subject as there are a lot of things to be considered. Steve, Gretchen and Mary volunteered to be on this committee.
5. New Business
 - Parochial Report – was due last month. Dianne will file it this week. Just something to think about...Total revenue of \$120K doesn't put us in a place where we would be able to afford a full time rector.
 - Mother's Day – May 11. and is also Pentecost Sunday. There will be a baptism that day. And it's a potluck Sunday.
 - Pancakes, Prayers & Breakfast – Christ church is having a "pancakes, prayers & breakfast" service. They will gather for a fellowship meal followed by readings, a conversational sermon and prayers done in the parish hall and then moving into the church for communion. Maybe this is something we should think about doing before the end of the school year. Fr. Mike will talk with Rev. Dry about us doing this as an ecumenical service on June 8. We could do it more like a pot luck breakfast so as to not burden the church with the price of food.

- End of School Year Events – Ruth was looking into who the graduates are this year.
 - Blessing of the Bikes – April 27th.
 - Safe Church – Sue suggested we make a push toward getting this off the ground.
 - Vestry retreat – Sue suggested it might be a good idea for us to have another one. Maybe we could do it together with the HMCM committee and or the Christ Church vestry.
 - 2008 Audit – Mary said there are some audit workshops available. There is also a business practices class in Newton Highlands. Mary and John will discuss attending.
 - Kenya DVD's – do we have any ideas about what we would like to do with these as it relates to the community and the marathon. We could show the shorter DVD at the potluck on April 13th or in place of a sermon in church one Sunday. Sally asked where do we want to go with this project.
 - There are 3 areas the diocese is focusing on...3 ministries our parish could participate in.
 - Aids
 - Katrina Relief
 - Safe Kids – providing a safe place for kids to get off the streets in the summer.
 - Delegates to council. Dianne signed and Fr. Mike will submit to diocese.
6. Next Vestry Meeting—Wed, May 7
 7. Closing Prayer and Adjournment – Fr. Mike led the vestry in closing prayer.