

## VESTRY MEETING

January 30, 2008

**Attendees:** Dianne Belamarich, Ruth Warner, Steve Pelletier, Sue Ramsley, Mary Arnaut, Frank Chase, David Spangler, John Pavlov

**Absent:** Fr. Mike Billingsley, Gretchen Carr, Sally Snyder

### VESTRY BUSINESS

1. Opening Prayer – Sue Ramsley led the vestry in opening prayer.
2. 1/2/08 vestry meeting minutes unanimously approved by members remaining from the 2007 vestry.
3. 2008 Vestry Nominating Committee Update (Committee) –
  - Treasurer position still open
  - Two seats still open in the general vestry
4. Reports:
  - Sunday School (Ruth) – Nothing to report, except to remind us that Vicky is stepping down Sunday School Coordinator so we need to start looking for potential candidates to take her place.
  - Property (Ruth) – Quiet. We did have an issue with a group that rented the hall. They left the hall in shambles. Ruth spoke with the group that rented and told them it was unacceptable. The following weekend, the hall was in much better shape than it was the first week.
  - Hospitality (Gretchen) – Snacks still wanted for the appraisal event. Steve will email Gretchen for specifics regarding what is needed for the Bishop's visit.
  - Financial/Budget (Mary) – Mary needs to spend some time figuring out church pro so she can close out 2007. In addition, to a treasurer, one of the audit points is that we need a finance committee of 3 people (minimum) to go over the financial records of the church monthly or quarterly or whatever is decided to be necessary.
    - a. Check Signature's need to be changed from Jay and Phil to whoever else we designate. Mary has a form from Jay to remove his name from the account and is awaiting one from Phil. Motion made and unanimously approved by the vestry to add Susan E. Ramsley and Stephen R. Pelletier as authorized signers on the bank account.
    - b. Worker's comp payroll audit report. Mary will complete once Fr. Mike's pay package is clear.
    - c. We have a bill for Fr. Mike's pension for the first quarter of 2008. She needs to close out 2007 before she can pay it. She has never done it so can't estimate how long it will take.
    - d. A large bill came in from Scott's Landscaping (to be discussed under new business).
  - Outreach/Fundraisers (Ruth/Dianne) – First Sunday of the month we will collect food for the food pantry at Sunday Service. PJB is doing a Valentine's fundraiser – Ruth has an email to send to the distribution list with details.
    - a. Skinner event. Future plan might be to book 2 back to back on a Saturday instead one on a Friday...because of how popular it has been.
    - b. Raffles make a significant amount of money. Is this something we could do more often?
  - Stewardship (Steve) – nothing new to report.
  - GUMC General Update (Ruth/Steve) – Steve had planned to speak with Dave Dry but didn't have a chance to before this meeting. Signage on hold due to the season. Steve will ask Jay or Phil for clarification on the rental agreement to make sure Mary has what she needs.
  - Shepherd's Report (Fr. Mike) – not present
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5. Old Business:

- Ruth's prospects? Ruth has talked to a couple of people interested in renting downstairs. Ida spoke with Mary the other day and she may be interested in staying a bit longer. We need to think about what we consider a reasonable contract. In the past we've done a 3 year contract. Her contract is up June 30, 2007. If we do renew her contract, we need to be sure to encompass all the sticking points we've been dealing with over the past couple of years.
  - a. A parent of a child downstairs is also interested in maybe starting a pre-school.
  - b. Dave mentioned that TLC uptown may be interested in using the space as an annex
  - c. "Enter Stage Left" came in to look at renting space. 7 weeks in the summer... Mon-Fri, 9:30-2:30 for drama camp.
  - d. Mother's-n-more looking for 7-9PM on the first or third of the month. The in town Mother's club, the Lion's club, the scouts, and the Historical Society rents for free. Al-Anon gives a donation on occasion for the time they use the hall.Dianne will call a few local, comparable, places to see what they charge and email the vestry with her findings.

6. New Business

- Contact Information for New Members – we officially welcomed and thanked the new members for joining the vestry
- Vestry Committees
  - Changes in committee assignments
  - Areas of special needs are Stewardship, Safe Church, Finance Committee
  - John Pavlov volunteered to be Treasurer
- HMCM Council volunteers needed.
- Scott's Landscaping Bill Dec. 3 – Jan 2. \$2,850.00 Shoveling, plowing and sanding. Dec. Ruth will ask them for a rate structure agreement and discuss this particular bill. She will also begin marking the calendar to record weather that would require their services so we can compare it to the bill when it comes.

7. Eagle Scout Project Update – We filled the new members in on what these are.

- Nick Dittman
- Matt Dry

8. Next vestry meeting: Wed., 3/5/08, 7:00 PM Tentative future dates: 4/2, 5/7 and 6/4

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