

VESTRY MEETING

March 5, 2008

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

Absent: Mary Arnaut

VESTRY BUSINESS

1. Opening Prayer – Sue Ramsley led the vestry in opening prayer.

2. February 2008 meeting minutes unanimously approved by the vestry.

3. Eagle Scout Projects Update: Nick Dittman – presented a sample stamped brick to show the “soldier course” that will line the outside of the walkway and the “unlock” catalog to show the sample for the main bricks. The vestry unanimously approved moving forward with the project. The vestry is asked to visit www.bricksrus.com to make a decision on the color for the soldier course. Send Peter Dittman your thoughts on color choices. Nick is looking to get this project started over April school vacation.

Eagle Scout Projects Update: Matt Dry – presented the plans for his memorial meditation area near the labyrinth. The area will be between Jenny’s Garden and the Labyrinth and be outlined with memorial bricks and cement gravel. The old cross in the shed will be utilized. The cross will be treated to withstand the weather. There will be mulch around the cross. Nick and Matt are going to fundraise together for memorial bricks of the same kind. The vestry unanimously approved moving forward with the project. Nick plans to get started on this project in June.

4. Reports:

- ◆ Sunday School (Ruth) – Nothing to report, except to remind us that we need to find a replacement for Vicki as Sunday School Coordinator.
- ◆ Property (Ruth) – John T., an acquaintance of Ruth’s came in to look at the ceiling in the office. He will come in when ever we want to pull down some ceiling tiles and assess what we need to do. Ruth and Dianne toured the various crawl spaces in the building. We’ve discovered lots of areas in need of attention and cleaning. We will start the process of cleaning the week of April School Vacation. Ruth talked to Ida, downstairs, and asked her to make a decision by March 31 as to whether she is staying or not.
- ◆ Hospitality (Gretchen) – Bishops visit went well. Sign up for coffee hour is going well.
- ◆ Finance/Budget (John/Mary) – John will hook up with Mary to learn the ropes.
- ◆ Outreach/Fundraisers (Ruth/Dianne) – Doing fairly well with the food project, although many people forget to bring items in. Art Auction paperwork handed out to peruse for discussion in April.
- ◆ Stewardship (Steve) – Nothing new to report
- ◆ GUMC General Update – Mary was looking at the contract and what we’re doing with what the contract says don’t seem to be in line. The Methodist church will host the Maundy Thursday service. Gretchen and Ruth will look at handling the agape feast.
- ◆ Shepherd’s Report (Fr. Mike)
 - Attendance in Jan 08 down from Jan 07, but Feb is up.
 - The Bishop has asked that Christ Church revise their by-laws, not just to include the shepherd’s clause but to totally revamp them.
 - Holy week/Lent schedule:

Sunday, March 16

8:00 AM Palm Sunday Christ Church, Medway

9:00 AM Palm Sunday Grace UMC, Hopkinton

10:00 AM Palm Sunday Christ Church, Medway

10:30 AM Palm Sunday Saint Paul’s, Hopkinton

Wednesday, March 19

7:30 PM Tenebrae Liturgy Christ Church, Medway

Thursday, March 20

7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Grace UMC, Hopkinton

Friday, March 21		
12:00 Noon	Ecumenical Service	TBD, Hopkinton
12:00 Noon	Good Friday Liturgy	Christ Church, Medway
7:30 PM	Good Friday Liturgy	Saint Paul's, Hopkinton
Saturday, March 22		
7:30 PM	Easter Vigil	Christ Church, Medway
Sunday, March 23		
8:00 AM	Easter Eucharist	Christ Church, Medway
9:00 AM	Easter Eucharist	Grace UMC, Hopkinton
10:00 AM	Easter Eucharist	Christ Church, Medway
10:30 AM	Easter Eucharist	Saint Paul's, Hopkinton

5. Old Business

- ◆ Collaborative Ministry (HCMC) Council Election (Fr. Mike) – Mary Arnaut, Sue Ramsley, Bob Snyder and Andy Starkis have volunteered. The Vestry unanimously approved this committee. Everett Carr has volunteered to be Treasurer of the Collaborative.
- ◆ Collaborative Ministry Budgeting (Fr. Mike) – The collaborative is not a separate entity. Every 6 months we'll true up the shared expenses that we've paid on behalf of all. Direct deposit of pay checks discussed.
- ◆ Summer Rental (Ruth/Mary) – The group has said they are willing to pay a maximum of \$320/week. The vestry unanimously approved renting to "Enter Stage Left" for their Summer Drama Camp pending contract and liability insurance agreement. Steve will speak with Andy Starkis about contract and John Diercks about the insurance.
- ◆ Vestry duties/committee assignments (Steve) – John Pavlov nominated and unanimously approved to hold the Treasurer's position. Dave Spengler, Bob Snyder and Everette Carr have volunteered to be on the Finance committee to assist John and Mary. Frank volunteered to co-chair stewardship. Sue will continue with spirituality. Steve will come up with a list of who is doing what and email us all.

6. New Business

- ◆ AIDS Orphan films (Sally) – Sally viewed one of the films and it was hard to watch. We can hold a viewing at her home or at the church. We need to also get moving on getting the other film, sent to Mary, on the local access TV channel. We would want to do this in time for the marathon. We will have a viewing after church on March 16 of at least one of these films.
- ◆ Property Rental Coordinator (Fr. Mike) – Ruth can no longer handle the load this entails with her other responsibilities, Dave Spengler has agreed to think and pray about whether he could take on this responsibility. This person would be the point person for anyone looking to rent the facility for whatever period of time.
- ◆ Carol has been contact about having the organ serviced.
- ◆ An organ student in Hopkinton has asked if she can use our organ for practice. Carol is okay with this and will work with the student to facilitate. May be a good opportunity to have a person for a back-up for when Carol is away.
- ◆ Next Vestry Meeting Wednesday, April 2

7. Closing Prayer and Adjournment – Fr. Mike led the vestry in opening prayer.