

Vestry Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2008

Attendees: Fr. Mike Billingsley, Dianne Belamarich, Sue Ramsley, Mary Arnaut, Ruth Warner, Sally Snyder, Frank Chase, Steve Pelletier, John Pavlov

Absent: Gretchen Carr, David Spangler

Vestry Business:

1. Opening Prayer/Meditation – Fr. Mike lead the vestry in meditation and opening prayer.
2. 8/6/2008 Vestry meeting minutes unanimously approved by the vestry.
3. Reports:
 - ◆ Property
 - Sunday School – approximately 40 children registered. Godly play (1st/2nd Grade) has 10, 3rd/4th Grade has 4, 5th/6th has 9 and Rite 13 has 8. J2A may have about 8.
 - Ken Ramsley did an energy audit primarily focusing on how we heat the facility. Biggest item – the furnace is over 40 years old and 40% of its heat generation is being lost up the chimney. (See separate document for complete details)
 - Rentals – Ida has declined use of the upstairs space as proposed. The items brought about by the state audit have been fixed. Ruth and Jim have set traps for the mouse problem downstairs....recognizing that the problem is caused by the daycare.
 - Jim has begun putting framed plastic up in the parish hall and classrooms to help with the heat loss in the building.
 - Jim discovered a tree leaning on the wires out by the dumpster. Ruth will call NStar on Monday to have it looked at.
 - Bob Snyder emailed Ruth about a former member that works for a commercial furnace company. Ruth emailed him and he and one of his technicians came and took a look at the furnace and is working up a quote for replacement. In the meantime, Flaherty came in on their service contract and said a couple of relays have to be replaced immediately. He we also come in with an estimate on the furnace.
 - ◆ Hospitality – Potluck this Sunday. Coffee Hour sign up hasn't been great.
 - ◆ Financial –
 - 1) We are financially sound. as of this date.
 - 2) Our current balance in our checking account per the ChurchPro system, as of this date, is \$31,664.80
 - 3) Our current balance in our savings account per the ChurchPro system, as of this date, is \$10,071.68
 - 4) Our current DIT Income (Diocese Investment Account) balance is \$25,480.52. per the Diocese as of August, 2008.
 - 5) Our current DIT Stock (Diocese Investment Account) balance is \$30,204.56 per the Diocese as of April, 2008, the last report I have received to date.
 - 6) Our liabilities are all paid through September, 2008, including Mike's pension.
 - 7) Christ Church is current through September on their HCMC collaborative payments of \$3000 per month
 - 8) Grace UMC has outstanding rent for July through September, 2008 in the amount of \$2635. I sent Rev. Dry a letter today with the information and a reminder.
 - 9) Playhouse Preschool rent is current and paid through September, 2008.
 - 10) Our Diocese Assessment for 2008; our Assessment Payment Plan for 2005; and our Stokes loan payments are current. I recommend that we pay, in full, all 3 by the end of 2008. You will find the balance due report, on each, in your package.

- 11) Our audit for calendar year 2007 is due to be completed by end of September, 2008. An audit committee needs to meet the audit requirement.
- 12) The financial committee has not convened this year. This is an audit point.
 - The vestry unanimously approved Mary's recommendation that we pay off (by year end) our Diocese Assessment for 2008, Our Assessment Payment Plan for 2005 and our Stokes Loan...to start 2009 clean.
 - ◆ Stewardship – John would need an idea of what the pledge base is by the end of the October.
 - ◆ Shepherd's Report – Christ Church's pledges for July and August saw improvement. They've already begun getting ready for their stewardship campaign. Christ Church finished their 2007 audit. The diocese is very pleased that they've actually done an audit as they had not done one before in the past. So it looks like they will get their grant money and it appears that both parishes will be able to carry their own through 2008 and likely all of 2009.
 - ◆ Upcoming Events –
 - Polyarts: September 27 10AM to 4PM
 - Rummage Sale: October 4 9AM to 1PM
 - Blessing of the Animals: October 5
 - ◆ New Business – Stewardship committee will convene to get this rolling.
4. Next Meeting: Joint Vestry Meeting October 1, 2008 at 7:30 at Christ Church, Medway.
5. Closing Prayer and Adjournment – Fr. Mike led the vestry in closing prayer.