

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### Vestry Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2009

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



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#### Vestry Business:

1. Opening Prayer – Fr. Mike lead the vestry in opening prayer
2. April 2009 Vestry Meeting Minutes approved by the vestry
3. Reports:
  - Sunday School – May 31 is teacher appreciation Sunday. June 7 is the last day of Sunday School.
  - Property
    - Allied was suppose to take their dumpster on 4/30 but didn't. Harvey's was suppose to drop off a dumpster on 5/1 but hasn't yet. Ruth/Mary are straightening this out.
    - Ida requested a letter giving her permission to put carpet in the room that was her office. This is being converted to a nursery for younger kids. Ruth gave her the letter.
    - 3 proposals for ceiling fans in the sanctuary, ranging from \$1500 - \$8000. Mitch has offered, on behalf of his father, to pay for the installation and purchase of the fans. The vestry unanimously approved Electrician Todd Vogel to do the work.
    - Ruth moved to nominate Ann Bertucci-Bissonnette to chair the property committee. The vestry unanimously approved.
  - Hospitality – Sunday is Mother's Day and potluck Sunday.
  - Treasurer's/Finance/Budget – checking/savings accounts are in the black. All financials are in good shape.
  - Outreach/Fund Raisers – Soldier fundraiser is going really well.
  - Shepherd's Report – April attendance was excellent even in addition to Easter. Fr. Mike has had an incredibly busy April. There were 3 funerals and the clergy conference. May 17<sup>th</sup> is communion Sunday at Christ Church. This date at St. Paul's may likely be a morning prayer Sunday instead of a regular service so Fr. Mike can spend the day at Christ Church.
4. Old Business:
  - Friends and Neighbors Fund – Nancy and Chris Jennison joined the vestry to tell them about their experience in a parish that had such an outreach fund. The fund at their former church distributed money to organizations, not individuals. The organizations were generally the same each year. The organizations put in their applications requesting an amount and the committee would meet to ascertain how much each group actually received.
  - Community Supper – Dave sent an email to the vestry outlining his visit with Cheryl Ann at Project Just Because. PJB is very discreet with their distribution of goods and services. The next step in developing the community supper idea is to have a luncheon of the local clergy and have Dave explain what the expectation could be for a community supper and thus make this an ecumenical effort.
  - Discernment/Joint Vestry Meeting Report – There will be a collaborative retreat of the Vestry's from St. Paul's and Christ Church and discernment committee on June 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-3.
  - Mutual Ministry Review – Fr. Mike presented outlines of the job description of a rector. He also presented an organizational structure as it works in a family sized church vs. a pastoral sized church. If a church reaches pastoral size and continues to operate more as a family size church they end up collapsing in on themselves and dropping back and repeating the cycle. See file 2009\_05\_addtl.pdf with minutes for more details.
4. New Business:
  - Financial Officer Position – The assistant treasurer position has developed into a 10 hour a week job. We need to consider creating a paid

position for a financial officer. Maybe in the future this position could service both Christ Church and St. Paul's. Mary has expressed interest in holding this position and would hold the title of assistant treasurer at least through term end.

6. Next Vestry Meeting—Wed., June 3, 2009
7. Closing prayer and adjournment Fr. Mike finished with a closing Prayer