

Vestry Meeting Minutes September 2, 2009

Attendees: Fr. Mike Billingsley, Dianne Belamarich, Sue Ramsley, Frank Chase, Mitch Palmer, Ruth Warner, Steve Pelletier

Absent: Sally Snyder, John Pavlov, Mary Arnaut, Dave Spengler

Vestry Business:

1. Fr. Mike led the meeting with Opening Prayer
2. August 2009 Vestry Meeting Minutes unanimously approved.
3. Reports:
 - Sunday School – CORE checking has begun. Volunteers are still needed for J2A and the nursery. 3 adults have signed up for the adult education class.
 - Property – Quiet right now. Property committee meets regularly and is working well together.
 - Hospitality – Home Coming Potluck on 9/13. ServSafe is offering a course at Keefe Tech.
 - Treasurer's/Finance/Budget – Pledge income is ahead of budget. Expenses are above budget because of property expenses. Building and Grounds is over budget. We need to consider a fundraiser and/or transferring money from the property account to offset future 2009 expenses.
 - Outreach/Fund Raisers – Polyarts Sept.26 – volunteers and bakers needed. "Friends of the Hopkinton Library" would like to rent our kitchen the day before polyarts to make their apple crisp. Participation in Operation Christmas Child unanimously approved by the vestry for this holiday season. We'll look to have Grace UMC and Christ Church participate as well. We'll have a potluck Nov. 6th to gather the boxes together.
 - Stewardship – Steve will come up with a time table for the campaign which will kick off in early October.
 - Grace UMC update – Steve is the liaison between St. Paul's and Grace UMC. If you have questions or concerns between the two, feel free to contact Steve directly.
 - Shepherd's Report – Fr. Mike has sent a letter to Thomas Knight regarding the EMC stock that he endowed to the church that was not reissued to St. Paul's as he expected. Attendance is up!

At the diocesan retreat the combined vestries of Christ Church and St. Paul's arrived at a list of goals for the next rector. These goals need to be incorporated into Fr. Mike's Letter of Agreement. Fr. Mike passed out a document that is used to assist in the writing of this letter along with a presentation of what the goals were. The presentation follows:

Goal Category

Expected Implementation

Youth Program

- Youth Service 2009
- Youth Rep. on Vestry 2010
- Caring Committee 2010

Outreach Committee

- Christian Ed for all ages (add Adults) 2009

Communication with clergy re Liturgy

2009

Prayer Groups

TBD

- Varied times
- Varied places

Website

2009

- Quality
- Timely
- Easily Managed

Monthly Social Gatherings

- All ages
- Increased Membership
- New members committee

Qtrly to start
First meeting: Fri. 11/6/09

TBD

4. New Business:

- Palms – to be discussed when Sally is in attendance.

5. Calendar Review:

- Sept. 20 – Fr. Mike is looking for a lay leader to preach so he can stay later at Christ Church. He'll join us in time for the Eucharist and "peace".
- Sept. 26 – Polyarts and Diocesan Resource Day.
- Oct. 4 – First day of adult education program.
- Oct. 11 – Fr. Mike away. Rev. R. Brown will cover.
- Oct. 17 – Rummage Sale
- Nov. 6 – Operation Christmas Child potluck dinner.
- Nov. 22 – Giving Tree
- Dec. 6 - St. Nicholas

6. Next Vestry Meeting — Wed., Oct. 7, 2009

7. Fr. Mike closed the meeting with prayer.