

## Vestry Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2010

*Released to parish as approved by vestry quorum via email on September 21, 2010.*

Attendees: Dianne Belamarich, Frank Chase, Fr. Mike Billingsley, Mitch Palmer, John Pavlov, Mary Arnaut (Financial officer-non vestry), Sue Ramsley, Rev. Maggie Geller, Bob Snyder, Nancy Jennison

Absent: Rose Bertucci-Bissonnette, Dave Spengler

### Vestry Business:

1. Fr. Mike led the meeting with opening prayer.
2. August 2010 Vestry Meeting Minutes previously approved by the vestry with a quorum via email on August 26<sup>th</sup>.
3. Reports:
  - Celebration of St. Paul's 275<sup>th</sup> –
    - Celebration planning is going well. There have been few volunteers but more are needed. Memorabilia table and white elephant table needs a chair person.
    - Idea's – sell t-shirts, note cards, ornaments and the like...but costs money.
    - Outreach – The vestry agreed that all raffle basket proceeds to go to PJB. A TV has been generously donated by a parishioner to be raffled (separate from the baskets).
    - Budget – Approximately \$3000 seed money needed. The vestry unanimously approved funding the \$3K out of the checking account reserve. For recordkeeping the money will be taken out of the rector's insurance fund.
  - Financial – See summary below. The 2009 audit is done and ready to be submitted to the diocese. The vestry unanimously approved the audit as presented. The EMC stock is now in our possession. It will now be turned over to the diocese to manage.
  - Grace UMC Communication –
    - Is it possible to use the downstairs for a nursery or for use after services? Yes, be patient with us, we are working on getting the space back in order.
    - Date for a potluck – Tentatively...October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM
  - Fundraisers – Margaret Chickering and Christy Hanna from Grace UMC have volunteered to help co-chair the rummage sale. Ruth Warner and Mary Arnaut from St. Paul's have agreed to chair the sale.
  - Shepherd's Report – Attendance for the summer was light. The collaborative picnic was a great success. Test flight of trivia night at Mickey Cassidy's...was a lot of fun. Another one is coming soon. These are great relationship building events. Fr. Mike has Credo Oct. 25 to Nov. 1...will get supply clergy for the Sunday.
  - Maggie's Report and Outreach – It is Maggie's intent to share with the entire parish what exactly outreach is all about. Maggie will do this and Nancy will ask parishioners if they have areas that we should be involved with and also discuss their preferences for personal involvement in Mission Outreach. Parishioners will meet in small groups to discuss these topics and report back to the large group. This will be done Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. October is Operation Christmas child month so this will fit well together.
  - Sunday School – Welcome back Sunday scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - Communication – The Epistle went out today. Next Epistle scheduled for Nov/Dec.
  - Property Committee Report – AAR has come to a close. We are under budget and will turn the balance over to St. Paul's presumably for use in cleaning up/painting the undercroft.
  - Hospitality – homecoming Sunday the second Sunday of September so it's a pot luck.
  - Stewardship – Need to come up with dates. Dianne is working on merging the financial database with the office mailing list.
  - Upcoming Events/Calendar – this has been covered in various areas above.

### 4. OLD BUSINESS

- Sexton checklist – Fr. Mike will present a check list to Ruth.
- Downstairs rental – no potential rentals at this time.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- Organization of a Pastoral Care Committee – In the process of being formed. Both Maggie and Fr. Mike have documentation to help get the volunteers trained and licensed.
- Capital Campaign for building fund – Right now the committee consists of Fr. Mike, John Pavlov, Mary Arnaut and Dave Spengler. John has a few prospects to ask to also help. The money would be used for the drive way sealing and the furnace. We need to raise \$25K.

6. Next Vestry Meeting – October 6, 2010 7PM

7. Fr. Mike closed the meeting with prayer.

Finance Summary for Sept. 1, 2010 Vestry Meeting.

St. Paul's finances are solid for the time being; but looking forward to revenue from the undercroft space, as soon as possible.

Checking balance through end of August - \$50,188.42

Saving balance through end of August - \$10,216.50

Overall, for Jan. through August we're a minus \$1,866.16 on net income.

Audit for calendar year 2009 is complete; will be mailed to the Diocese, pending Vestry review.

I found a Bank error in our deposits – they did not post \$651.32 made on July 26, 2010. I resolved it with them earlier today.

Resolved issue with Verizon trying to raise our cost. Got reduced cost for an additional year. Minor savings, but it was the "principal".