

**St. Matthews Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2007**

Vestry Members in attendance: Tom Clark, Susie Chapin, Laurie Gough, Whit Greene, Kathy Hynes, Vince Lucero, Melissa Ball and Mike Shoemaker.

Treasurer: Bruce Siekierski

Clerk: Kathy Hynes for Joanne Payne

Clergy: Rev. Michael Richardson

Eucharist at 6:30 p.m.

7:05 p.m. Fr. Michael opened meeting with prayer.

Approval of Vestry Meeting – Minutes for the August meeting were unanimously approved.

Rector's Report.

1. Fr. Michael spoke about the upcoming Diocesan Convention.
2. Father Michael gave updates regarding current happenings in other parishes i.e. Colorado Springs and Broomfield.
3. There will be a House of Bishop's meeting later in the week in New Orleans. Part of the meetings include "hands on" projects.

Senior Warden's Report

1. Tom reported that the Vestry Committee came up with some prospects to fill the upcoming spots for the three current Vestry members whose terms end in December. Tom has spoken to one of the candidates and will be touching base with the others. There was discussion on how Vestry members are chosen.
2. Stewardship – Vince will be the co-chair. The planning process will start soon.
3. Tom will be going to Convention this year.
4. Dave Clement is handling both the Middle and High School Sunday school classes.

Parish Ministry Coordinator

1. Susie will also be going to Convention.
2. Jelly tasting went well.
3. There will be a birthday celebration for St. Matthew's on Sunday, September 23rd to celebrate being on our property for 25 years.
4. Blessing of the Animals will be at 2 p.m. on October 7th.
5. Fellowship Sunday breakfasts are all filled except for November.
6. This year we will again do a sign up for Christmas services, i.e. lay readers, chalice ministers, acolytes etc.
7. Popcorn Theology – the kids had a showing but no adults showed up.
8. There will be a Halloween party for the kids in the parish hall 10/27.

Commission Reports

New Member Incorporation

1. Working on cards for this fall to give to guest to help identify them.

Pastoral Care

1. An update was given regarding the health status of some parish members/families.

Finance

1. There was no Finance meeting this week.

Building and Grounds

1. Whit said the shed has been primed and painted.
2. Steve Smith has put sealer on the deck and trimmed the bushes.
3. The beehive has been taken care of.
4. The goal is to have the railing for the office deck up before the snow comes.
5. Whit has gotten estimates on outlets for the parish hall as they blow easily.

Treasurer's Report

1. Bruce reviewed the dashboard with discussion.

Children and Youth Ministries

1. Kathy mentioned there was a youth meeting on the 16th. Food was collected.
2. Genesis at Frontier Ranch will be 10/19 – 10/21.
3. The next Safeguarding God's Children workshop is 9/29 in Castle Rock.

Music and Worship

1. An ad has been put into the AGO (American Guild of Organists) newsletter to find a new organist. There is a volunteer to organize the choir for the time being.

Christian Formation

1. Education for Ministry is starting 9/25. Ten people will be participating in the class. It's 4 years long but a year to year commitment.

Stewardship

1. See Sr. Warden report.

Fellowship

1. Melissa said Sunday mornings are going well.

Outreach

1. Crop walk is Oct 13th. Laurie Landry is organizing. There will be a Haiti table.
2. Blood drive will be in February.
3. Outreach will be doing the parish breakfast in December.

Old Business –

1. Fr. Michael is waiting to hear back from George regarding the easement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.