

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

Tuesday June 16, 2009

Vestry Members in Attendance: Father Michael Richardson, Bev Van Zandt, Jo Evans, Laurie Gough, Kandy Halstead, Chris Hardy, Laurie Landry, Whit Greene, Jerry Grabowski.

Clerk: Laurie Landry

Documents Disseminated: Meeting Agenda; St. Matthew's Financial Dashboard as of May 31, 2009. May Vestry Meeting Minutes were distributed by e-mail.

7 p.m., Fr. Michael opened the meeting with prayer.

1. **May 2009 Minutes. Kandy H. moved to approve the minutes as they stand. Passed.**
2. Rector's Report. (Fr. Michael)
 - a. No summer church camp being offered this year.
 - b. Fr. Michael will be away three Sunday's this summer.
 - June 28, Mthr. Cass will be filling in, Mthr. Kipper also available if needed
 - July 6 – July 21, vacation
 - c. Diocesan Convention Oct 1-3. Two more delegates needed.
 - Laurie Gough (maybe) and Bev Van Zandt volunteered
 - Other delegates are Kim DeJong, Kandy Halstead, Whit Greene and Rob Meyers (alt.)
 - d. Wednesday morning service and Bible study will resume in July when Fr. Michael returns.
 - e. Fr. Michael will be in Boston next week for David Clement's service there.
3. Sr. Warden's Report (Kandy H.)
 - To be delivered in following mission area reports
4. Finance Report (Bev V.Z.)
 - Year-to-date balance is (\$2,746). While still behind, we have regained much of the shortfall and are ahead of where we were last year.
5. Nursery (Kandy and Laurie)

- Fr. Michael will take the lead in hiring a new staff member for Nursery Care on Sunday mornings and holidays.
- Laurie L. will ask Patsy Stewart if she will take on leadership for the Nursery Ministry, organizing volunteers.
- Nursery usage has been consistent at 1 – 3 children each Sunday for the past two months, always starting later than 9 am.

6. Safeguarding God's Children Class (Kandy)

- Castle Rock is offering workshops in SGC quarterly and may be willing to send facilitators to St. Matt's
- We will schedule a SGC workshop in mid to late August, contacting Castle Rock for help.

7. Finance Committee – will next meet Tuesday July 14 at 6 p.m. in the church office.

8. July Vestry Meeting. Laurie G. moved to not meet as a Vestry in July. The next meeting will be in August. Passed.

9. Newcomer's Ice Cream Social scheduled for this Friday, June 19th at 6:30 p.m.

10. The Vestry recognizes the excellent work and talent of the entire choir, and especially the leadership and musical gifts brought to us by Betty Sue and Emily. We are grateful for and blessed by their work and talents.

11. Sunday School (Fr. Michael)

- Kimberly Hubbs is looking for teachers for next year's Sunday School
- Instead of having a youth-level Sunday School, considering having the youth help teach the other Sunday School classes.

12. Adult Christian Education.

- Kipper DeGarve, retiring priest who has joined our parish, has offered to lead a 4-week course on the Exodus, tentatively planned for Sunday evenings. She is coordinating with Scott Gough and other interested persons in planning this.

13. VBS (Laurie L.)

- VBS will be July 22-25 (Wed-Fri evenings 5:15 – 8:15 and Sat am 9:15 – 12:15).
- We have a good number of volunteers; Laurie is currently organizing but all major leadership positions are covered. Need to line up help with the kids' group leaders.

- Jo Evans and Jerry G. both offered their help where needed (thank you!)
- Laurie G. will ask Anna, Whit will ask Laura, if they can help with kids groups.
- Also will have Middle-school young people helping with the kids groups.

14. Youth Group Picnic (Jerry G.) Was a great success. All families had a fun time before the rain started and they did a balloon release in honor of David Clement.

15. Stewardship (Kandy H.)

- Fundraising. Because fundraising is a line item in our Ministry Plan, it makes sense to cover this in an intentional manner.
- Whit G. reports that Bruce Siekierski, Jennifer T. and himself are all willing to be the Fundraising Committee for this year.
- They plan to have one large (like the auction) and one small (like a wine & cheese) fundraiser this year.
- They welcome anyone with fundraising ideas to come to the committee for guidance and support.

16. Outreach: Loaves and Fishes (Kandy H.)

- Kandy will coordinate the Loaves and Fishes ingathering on Sunday July 26.
- Donations will go to Bienvenidos and the Women's Crisis Center
- Karen Wiberg and Celia Sloan have already done much of the prep work on this project; all ready to go!
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16b. Outreach: Hearts & Hands Spending Request (Fr. Michael)

- The outreach allocated funds have already been set aside and H&H has requested that they be disbursed.
- The breakdown of where they have requested funds to go was not available at the meeting, but Fr. Michael informed us that one portion is requested to go to help the CO Episcopal Foundation Millennium Development Goals. Their current project is rebuilding the hospitals in Gaza that are run by the Diocese of Jerusalem.
- Fr. Michael will send out a complete description of the Outreach request for a vote by e-mail.

17. Buildings and Grounds (Fr. Michael): Request to use rooms by a homeschooling group.

- Fr. Michael has been contacted by this group to use our Education Building rooms (five or six rooms) one day a week for about six months.
- The group is apparently a for profit business

- The Vestry discussed the request, considering that the group would be renting the space from us for some fee.
- Consensus was that this is an appropriate use for our rooms and would be consistent with good stewardship
- To help determine the cost of renting these rooms, we will get more info on cost of renting comparable space in Parker, and also try to learn more about this specific group. (**I did not note who was assigned to do these things)

18. Buildings and Grounds (Whit): Steve Smith stepping down from his role in overseeing B&G.

- Includes organizing clean-up days, CAP liaison, lawn-mowing and shoveling sign-up.
- He will still do security.
- Looking for someone to take over his B&G-related roles

19. David Clement's service to be held Wed., June 17 at 10 am. Set-up at 8:30 am.

20. Whit G. moved to adjourn. Passed. Meeting closed at 8:45 pm.