

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

Tuesday May 19, 2009

Vestry Members in Attendance: Father Michael Richardson, Jo Evans, Kim DeJong, Clay Hubbs, Jerry Grabowski, Kandy Halstead, Laurie Landry, Brandon Stewart, Whit Greene.

Clerk: Laurie Landry

Documents Disseminated: Meeting Agenda

7:00 p.m., Fr. Michael opened the meeting with prayer.

1. April 2009 Minutes. Minutes were distributed via e-mail. **Kim D. moved to approve the minutes as they stand. Passed.**
2. Rector's Report (Fr. Michael)

Pastoral care:

- Chris H. having pain and seeing a doctor to check this out
- David C. waiting for results of his most recent scan after new chemo treatment
- Peggy B. doing very well
- Mary Jane N. doing very well
- Sarah (new family in church) in hospital

Vacation:

- Fr. Michael and family will be away July 6 through July 20.

Delegates to the Diocesan Convention (Oct 1-3 in Pueblo) need to be selected.

- Kim DeJong, Kandy Halstead, and Whit Greene all volunteered. Need two more; Rob Myers will likely offer to be alternate.

Confirmation classes will be held in the Fall.

3. Sr. Warden's Report (Kandy)

Stewardship.

- Tom C. and Susie C. have offered to help with this year's stewardship campaign.
- One focus will be on engaging new members more quickly in stewardship.
- We will also pick up the crab apple jelly contest again as a way of drawing attention to the campaign.

- A ministry fair has been suggested as a way to kick-off the stewardship campaign.
- Also suggested that we hold a BBQ with activities and games like a dunking tank and serve beer to make it a fun afternoon party.
- Key element is letting people know how important it is to turn in pledge cards in a timely manner.

4. Fellowship, Music & Worship, and Newcomers.

- Newcomers Ice Cream Social will be held June 19th.
- Choir will sing through the end of May and take the summer off.
- Organ will undergo refining over the summer.
- Suggestion of having a New Year's Eve party at the church, Clay Hubbs will organize and host.
- Another acolyte training requested; Kim D. said she may be able to do this in August.

5. Children and Youth, Christian Formation

Nursery Care.

- Nursery use for the past four weeks saw two to four children signed in each Sunday for the 10:30 services only.
- Laurie L. reviewed our discussion at the last Vestry meeting in which we considered a few alternatives for childcare and our recommendation that if we change our arrangement we hire one caregiver and use volunteers for the second adult needed each Sunday.
- We would provide childcare during the Sunday School and late service time period (9 am to noon) only for the time being.
- **Laurie L. moved that we hire one nursery caregiver for Sundays + Holidays and use rotating volunteers for nursery care, to start by Sept. 1. Passed.**
- Fr. Michael, Patsy, Whit and Laurie L. will meet to plan the hire and volunteer pool/procedure.
- **Jerry G. moved that we start our search for a nursery caregiver at \$12 per hour. Passed.**

Sunday School ends for the year on June 7.

6. Jr. Warden's report (Whit)

Vestry duty sign-up sheet is complete for the rest of the year.

7. Pastoral Care Training at St. Matt's (Kandy)

- Kandy, Fr. Michael and Tina N. will follow up on an idea generated at the Vestry Workshop about offering some training in pastoral care for those who are interested.
- We may decide to have a group that supports each other and the rest of our congregation through pastoral care visits, meals, etc.
- Fr. Michael will be able to provide the training, perhaps a short course 4-6 weeks long.

8. Vestry Duty update.

- We do not need to set up the coffee as Fellowship usually does this. The person opening the church may plug in the coffee if it has not already been started.
- We are now counting money in the Church Office. The Vestry person should ask a second person, either usher or chalice minister and preferably before the start of the service, to accompany them to the office right after the end of service. We will do this informally for now.

9. May 31 is Pentacost – wear red.

10. Whit G. moved to adjourn. Passed. Meeting ended 8:55 pm.