

St. Matthew's Vestry Meeting

Sept 15, 2009

7:00 p.m.

St. Matthew's Church

Meeting called by:	Fr. Michael Richardson	Type of meeting:	Regular Vestry Meeting
Sr. Warden:	Kandy Halstead	Jr. Warden	Whit Greene
Treasurer:	Bev Van Zandt	Clerk:	Laurie Landry

Notes taken by: Laurie Landry

Vestry Attendees:

Fr. Michael Richardson, Kandy Halstead, Whit Greene, Bev Van Zandt, Laurie Gough, Brandon Stewart, Laurie Landry, Jennifer Tinsley, Chris Hardy, Kim DeJong

Guests: No guests present.

Documents Disseminated:

- Meeting agenda
- St. Matt's Financial Dashboard – Aug 31, 2009 (Bev Van Zandt)
- Aug 18, 2009 Minutes

- Opening Prayer
- Approval of Minutes
- Rector's Report
- Sr. Warden's Report
- Treasurer's Report

Overview of Business

- Beacon Reports – Fellowship, Music & Worship, Newcomer's
- Journey Reports – Children & Youth, Christian Formation, Pastoral Care, Stewardship
- Servanthood Reports – Finance, Outreach, Building & Grounds
- Other Business
- Adjournment

Minutes

Agenda item: Approval of Minutes from Aug 18, 2009 **Presenter:** Fr. Michael

Discussion:

Kim DeJong moved to approve August minutes as they stand. Motion passed.

Agenda item: **Rector's Report** **Presenter:** Fr. Michael Richardson

Discussion:

1. Fr. Michael is investigating options for online giving to the church. Looking for feedback on whether the possible increased income and increased convenience for parishioners will offset the fees involved. Kandy to lead follow-up on this.
 2. CROP Walk will be Oct 3
 3. Bishop's visit will be this coming weekend. There will be confirmations at both services and a lunch afterwards, organized by Lucy Lord.
 4. We need to revisit our stewardship to the Diocese – pledge. Bev will follow up on this when all info about our revenues is available.
 5. Committee to nominate new Vestry members has formed and begun initial search.
 6. Diocesan Convention will be Oct 2-3; attendees are all set to go.
 7. Discussion about renting space to Parker UCC.
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Agenda **Sr. Warden's Report** **Presenter:** Kandy Halstead

Discussion:

1. Kandy reported on the nominees for Vestry
 - Searching for 3 new Vestry members and Jr. Warden.
 - Whit G. has agreed to be a nominee for Jr. Warden. Thank you Whit!
2. Stewardship report.
 - Tom Clark is leading an initiative that invites people into our community.
 - Fr. Michael will send out a stewardship letter next week.
 - A letter from the Stewardship committee will follow.
3. Fr. Michael will present a DVD and talk on stewardship at Adult Sunday School in October.

Agenda **Treasurer's Report** **Presenter: Bev Van Zandt**

Discussion:

1. Financial Dashboard distributed.
 - For August there was a net profit of \$5,379.
 - The Year-to-date total is a shortfall of \$7,828.
 - Operating Checking as of Sept 3, 2009 is \$26,841.

Agenda item: **Beacon Reports – Fellowship, Music & Worship, Newcomer's** Presenters: Kim DeJong, Laurie Gough, Jennifer Tinsley, Others

Discussion: No reports for Beacon.

Agenda item: **Journey – Children & Youth, Christian Formation, Pastoral Care, Stewardship** Presenters: Jo Evans, Jerry Grabowski, Clay Hubbs, Brandon Stewart, Others

Discussion:

Pastoral Care

1. Kim D. raised the topic of H1N1 (Swine flu) and St. Matt's reponse.
 - Diocese has asked churches to consider what our response should be
 - Fr. Michael has brought this to Adult Sunday School for discussion
 - Ideas suggested are:
 - Schedule smaller services to limit exposure
 - Distribute wine by means other than chalice
 - Plan 'soup brigade' in anticipation of more need for meal help
 - Offer child care to Mom's tending sick families/or when mom is sick
 - Closing our doors is not an option!

Children & Youth , Christian Formation – No reports

Stewardship – See Sr. Warden's Report above.

Agenda item: **Servanthood – Finance, Outreach, Buildings & Grounds** Presenters: Whit Greene, Jo Evans, Chris Hardy, Laurie Landry, Bev Van Zandt,

Discussion:

Finance –

1. Jennifer T. announced the evening fundraiser, Divine Desserts and Wine
 - To be held Nov 7
 - Live and silent auctions
 - Wine, desserts
 - Discussion about how Vestry can contribute. Discussion to continue by e-mail.

2. Jennifer T. introduced the option of selling George Bane Coffee for Kids with a 50% return to St. Matt's as a fundraiser. Can be done at the coupon table.

Outreach, Buildings & Grounds – No reports.

Summary: Action Items

Presenter:

- ✓ Kim DeJong moved to approve August minutes as they stand. Motion passed. **Kim D.**

- ✓ Jennifer T. moved that we proceed with negotiations with Parker UCC to rent the church and parish hall @ \$250 /use, pending that Parker UCC secure appropriate and necessary insurance and an executed rental agreement. Motion passed. **Jennifer T.**

Agenda

Next Meeting & Adjournment

Presenter:

Next Meeting: October 20, 2009

Motion by Kim D. to adjourn. Passed.

Meeting Adjourned. Time: 8:40 p.m.