

## St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting Minutes

Sept 16, 2008

Vestry members in attendance: Fr. Michael Richardson, Kandy Halstead, Laurie Landry, Laurie Gough, Lucy Lord, White Greene, Jerry Grabowski, Bev Van Zandt, Brandon Stewart, Mike Shoemaker.

Clerk: Laurie Landry

Documents disseminated: August 12 2008 Vestry Minutes, meeting agenda, Aug 31 Financial Dashboard (Bev Van Zandt).

7:05 p.m., opened with prayer.

1. August 12 2008 Minutes. Melissa Ball moved to approve the minutes as they stand. Motion passed.
2. Rector's Report: Fr. Michael.
  - The next Bishop's visit will be in Sept '09 on the date of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Matt's in September.
  - Nominating committee needed to select next Vestry members and set the annual meeting date.
  - The three members scheduled to go off Vestry, Mike Shoemaker, Melissa Ball, and Lucy Lord, along with Fr. Michael and Kandy, will act as this committee. To meet briefly following this Vestry meeting.
  - Pastoral news:
    - Peggy Brasch back in the hospital for further surgery prior to the start of chemo in October
    - Tina Newlin is home, working from home
    - Joanne Payne is home, doing well
    - Brian Bernard is off to college
    - David Clement has been able to come to church the past two weeks; could use help with some tasks around home and rides next week.

3. Sr. Warden's Report: Kandy

- Stewardship presentation at Fellowship Breakfast, "Faces of St. Matthew's," went very well; thank you to Susie and all who helped.
- A presentation for the Diocese Convention also completed by Kandy; this will be posted along with those from other churches at the Convention to help us get to know each other and exchange ideas.
- The Stewardship presentation and Convention display will be put together in a binder for display in the Parish Hall and can be used to introduce newcomers to St. Matt's.
- The Policy and Procedures Manual is also still in progress.

4. Treasurer's Report: Bev

- Financial Dashboard through August 31 distributed.
- Still at a net loss, attributable to decreased income from pledges. Spending is in line.

5. Mortgage Refinancing: Mike Shoemaker

- The 20-year fixed loan was taken off the table by Compass. Mike returned to USBank and Chase but these other banks still could not do more than a 5-year lock. Compass offered a 10-year lock at 7.125 % (20-year amortization). Although the loan will need to be refinanced in 10 years, the rate is lower and the monthly payment will also be lower than for the previous (removed) proposal.
- This loan proposal is in the final stages of getting approved at the bank. The Vestry previously voted by e-mail to accept this new loan proposal.
- Because it is very similar to our current mortgage, there is no need to go through Standing Committee approval with the Diocese.

6. Buildings and Grounds: Whit

- The new rail outside the office is complete. Thank you Whit.

7. Beacon, Fellowship: Kandy

- November Fellowship Breakfast will be done by the Stitches Knitting group, who will also do a short presentation about Kaps for Kendall at that time.

8. Newcomers: date for next Newcomer's evening event will be November 21.

9. Organ and Flooring Project: Fr. Michael

- Letter sent out to congregation; contributions continue to come in, in addition to those given in the letter.
- There are not yet sufficient funds to start the project, which must start with the new floor installation. Project still could start this Fall if we get a quick response from the letter.

10. Diocesan Convention: Fr. Michael

- Friday Oct 3 & ½ day Saturday Oct 4. Hotel reservations in Loveland for Thurs and Fri nights have been made.
- Jerry Grabowski can not attend; looking for someone else to go if possible.

11. Organ FAQ: Kandy. This is ready to present. Clay will post it on the website, and a paper copy will be placed in the Parish Hall.

12. Journey, Sunday School. Fr. Michael.

- Sunday school starts this Sunday, Sept 21. Kim plans to have meetings with the teachers every quarter. Organized supplies has been a big help, thank you to Lucy for her help with this.
- Luncheon for the Sunday School teachers was held at the Richardson's home last Sunday to start the year and welcome new teachers.

13. BBQ Fundraiser to be held this Saturday Sept 20 at Tom Clark's Ranch.

- Meeting this Wednesday night for those interested in helping.

14. Stewardship: Fr. Michael. Stewardship letter and pledge cards to go out in October. Those returned by November 1 will earn a free St. Matt's calendar.

15. Journey, Youth Group: Fr. Michael. Youth group starting up again and intends to meet every Sunday at 4 pm; organized by Jody Shoemaker, Rob Meyers, and Cherise Bernard.

- Rob is leading an effort to have the youth go on a mission trip to Alaska in July, along with youth from other area churches. Rob attending the meetings to coordinate this.

16. Motion to adjourn by Melissa Ball. Motion passed. Meeting closed at 8:20 pm.