



Minutes of the Vestry

May 21, 2007

Present: Heather Albrecht, Richard Beadle, Betsy Creedon, Mike DeFillipi, Stuart Grigg, Susan Heinen, Monte Jahnke, Susan Larsen, Joe Maycock, Theresa Muzzi, Pat O'Brien, Melissa Pirani, Jeff Stallings, George Sutton, Don Sweeny, Al Torp, John Van Osdol, Brad Whitaker

Absent: Pat Wenzel

Guests: Lisa Nielsen, Penny Soby

I. Opening Prayer

Susan Larsen said the Opening Prayer.

Bible Study: Brad opened the meeting with a meditation.

II. Opening Matters

Announcements: Brad announced that Grosse Pointe Memorial challenged CC to two softball games – June 17 and July 22, 4 p.m. at Brownell Field. A picnic will be held at the Rectory afterwards on the 17th. GP Memorial will host a gathering on July 22.

- Brad sent a memo to Buildings and Grounds, Gifts and Acquisitions, all CC committee chairs, maintenance staff, support staff, etc. to remind everyone that we have two committees in force that are helpful in keeping with the church's inventory – Buildings and Grounds and Gifts and Acquisitions. John Woodhouse has a wonderful inventory process which will help us to be good stewards of what we have at CC. Please take time to read this memo.
- Staff retreat is this week and both Lisa Flores and Scott Hanoian will be in town.
- Pentecost Sunday is the 27th and we have one baptism.

Wardens' Comments: Monte Jahnke reported that the background work and the evaluation for Brad have been completed.

- Endowment trustees for the DeHaven Music Endowment had their first meeting. They focused on planning for solicitation of gifts.

Betsy Creedon expressed her thanks to the Vestry for their input into Brad's evaluation. She and Monte have met with Brad to go over the results. The next evaluation will probably be the end of this year.

Pastoral Concerns: Brad mentioned that Dick Boynton may need some long term care; Kay Gee is doing better; Daisy Bledsoe-Herring is having knee surgery tomorrow. Please keep these and others in your prayers.

Correspondence: Susan Heinen will write thank you notes regarding the DeHaven weekend celebration with special thank yous to Mike Fournier and Jeff Ralya.

III. Approval of the Minutes of April 16, 2007

The minutes were approved as circulated.

IV. Parish Ministries Reports

Parish Resources: George Sutton reported that Mark Lorenger continues to work on Meadow Lane. The house has been inspected and there are a few additional items that need to be completed.

- A Conservation Trust meeting is scheduled for June 4 to review some prioritized tasks from Buildings and Grounds.
- Conservation Trust would like to have all the buildings of CC inspected.

Parish Education Ministries: Jeff Stallings requested that staff supply a calendar that Christian Formation could rely on for the year to coordinate schedules.

- Summer Fun Days starts in June, Soccer Camp is in June, and VBS is in August.
- Sharon Snyder will fill the LTA vacancy temporarily.
- There is a youth blog on the Web site that is supervised by Melissa.
- Melissa is taking some youth to Kanuga for camp.
- Julie Schuetze will be the contact person for Mother's Day Out and Tracey Torosian is taking over MOPS.
- Kristin Lorenger is sending out invitations to the primary, middle and senior high teachers and members of the Adult Christian Formation Committee for an appreciation dinner on June 28.

Outreach Ministries: Susan Heinen reported that Harriett Whitaker did an incredible job for Relay for Life and they raised almost \$10,000.

- Six to seven kids come regularly for tutoring at Messiah.
- Waiting for Bound Together to get started.
- Outreach Funding met recently and approximately \$36,000 has been distributed.

Parish Life Ministries: Pat O'Brien requested that Vestry please support and volunteer for the Antiques Show. Money raised helps to support the scholarships for the choirs and also goes to outreach.

- Welcoming Committee developed an architectural tour brochure of the stained glass windows in the Nave. Tours will be offered at the Antiques Show.
- Worship Committee met and plans are underway for the fall.
- Pat would like to schedule a meeting with Al Torp, Susan Larsen and Lisa Flores to go over the structure of the Parish Life Ministries once Lisa arrives.

Brad mentioned that Melissa Pirani is going to an adult and youth conference in Kanuga; Lisa Flores is going to a Christian Formation conference in Kanuga; David Dieter is going to spend time in Oxford this August. Lisa Flores will supervise the children, youth and the adult Christian formations.

V. New Business

Communications-Web Site Presentation: Stuart Grigg, Lisa Nielson and Penny Soby gave an in-depth presentation of the Web site and its many functions. Melissa Pirani introduced the Vestry to the youth blog and the youth portion of the Web site.

ACS will be at CC to give some in-depth training for staff in June.

VI. Old Business

Treasurer's Report: Theresa Muzzi reported that through the end of April CC has received 375 pledges totaling \$959,254. Both average and median pledge are up. Total pledge dollars through the end of April is \$477,000 which is higher than last year.

Recommendations re. Ad hoc Personnel Committee: Brad reported that he and Joe Katulic have met and there will be a full report for the Vestry in August.

Next Vestry meeting day is June 25; there will not be a meeting in July.

VII. Vestry Reflections on Parish Programs, Ministries, etc.

No discussion was held.

VIII. Closing Prayer

Susan Heinen said the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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