



## Minutes of the Vestry

August 20, 2007

**Present:** Heather Albrecht, Richard Beadle, Betsy Creedon, Mike DeFillipi, David Dieter, Lisa Flores, Stuart Grigg, Susan Heinen, Monte Jahnke, Joe Maycock, Pat O'Brien, Melissa Pirani, George Sutton, Don Sweeny, Al Torp, John VanOsdol, Brad Whitaker

**Absent:** Susan Larsen, Jeff Stallings, Pat Wenzel

**Guests:** Daniel Dickson, Megan Ryan

### I. Opening Prayer

Brad said the opening prayer.

### II. Opening Matters

*Announcements:* Brad requested that vestry keep the Albrechts, Curl Tutag and Carol Gaskin in their daily prayers.

- In the spring, Theresa Muzzi received some health insurance quotes and since then has requested an update and will submit them to the finance committee.
- In regards to Ed Putnam, Brad has talked with everyone on the staff who worked with him and to their knowledge he had little to no contact with the children of the parish.
- Brad had lunch with Joe Healey, the new head at University Liggett School. He is an Episcopal priest and has offered his assistance to CC.
- David Dieter mentioned that he is scheduled to do a forum on September 16 with an in-depth discussion on his Oxford experience.
- Lisa Flores attended the Christian formation conference at Kanuga. Next summer she will be a co-coordinator of the conference.
- Brad will be attending a conference in NY at General Seminary in September and the topic is *A Reconciliation of the Roundtable*. Keynote speakers are Desmond Tutu and presiding bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schiori.

*Wardens' Comments:* Monte Jahnke mentioned that a meeting has been scheduled for September 6 with Lisa Gray (from the diocese) to discuss the sexual conduct policy.

- Check out the Web site for DeHaven photos and the administrative calendar.
- Scott Hanoian is at Choir Camp with our choirs this week.
- Betsy Creedon commented on what a wonderful job Mike DeFillipi and Elaine Yates are doing with the stained glass window presentations after Sunday's 10:15 service.

*Pastoral Concerns:* David Dieter reported that he has given Walter Payne his last rites; Elizabeth McElvenny died this past week.

*Correspondence:* No report.

### III. Approval of the Minutes of June 25, 2007

Corrections were made on page 1, under *Parish Life Ministries*, second sentence should read: *The diocese* replaces the first word “They” and *moot* replaces the word “mute”. The minutes were approved as corrected.

#### IV. **Parish Ministries Reports**

*Parish Resource Ministries – Diocesan Pledge:* Brad reported that in July CC normally receives a letter from the diocese regarding the tithes and offering response. Previously, we have responded to the diocese saying that assuming a balanced budget for that year CC will make an attempt to meet the tithe.

George Sutton moved that the Vestry of Christ Church Grosse Pointe attempt to meet the tithe of \$130,729 to the Diocese of Michigan based on a balanced budget in 2008. The motion was seconded; all approved.

*Report from Christ Church First:* John Van Osdol presented the 2008 stewardship campaign. He reviewed the handout sheets (Attachments B and B1) that were distributed explaining how CCF will communicate to the parish along with key dates.

- One of the tasks of the CCF group is to try to get the parish to understand the importance of tithing 10% of their income.
- There was discussion on being more specific as to where monies are going for outreach.
- CCF would like vestry and staff to pledge by September 17. Committee heads will be asked to pledge in advance of the parish as well.
- In 2007, 382 families pledged \$964,606; CC is about \$10,400 short of what was anticipated.

*Parish Education Ministries:* Lisa Flores reported that they are finalizing the programs for the fall.

- Sunday adult forums will focus on the Millennium Development Goals. There also will be intergenerational programs and rector’s forum.
- Tuesdays Together will be a Web-based curriculum program – *The Thoughtful Christian*, broken up into six different areas: In the News, Pop Culture, Spirituality, Bible and Theology, Christian Living, and Contemporary Issues. It is hoped the new curriculum will increase the attendance at TT.

*Outreach Ministries – Summer Camp Update:* Susan Heinen reported that Kids’ College at Church of the Messiah is off to a great start.

- Volunteer base has been skimpy.
- Please consider attending the closing program to see the end product of the children’s accomplishments on Thursday, August 30, 6 p.m., at Church of the Messiah.
- Fall program – it is planned that the volunteers will work one-on-one with the children so that they will be given the proper attention and time they need.

*Parish Life Ministries:* Pat O’Brien will work to schedule a ministry meeting with Parish Life committee chairs.

#### V. **New Business**

*Youth Proposal:* Melissa Pirani introduced Daniel Dickson and Megan Ryan, members of youth group. Melissa reported that they were at the meeting to present a proposal to the vestry that would be beneficial to outreach and also as a recruiting tool for the youth program. The youth would like to do a fund raiser which benefits a program called Kiva which is a micro-financing internet-based company (Attachment A) that lends monies (interest-free) to entrepreneurs who are living under extreme poverty.

- Megan Ryan gave an overview of the benefits and Daniel Dickson presented the fund raising portion (Attachment A1).
- This program will give the youth a major role in contributing to the outreach of CC.
- The youth would like to sell breakfast once a month during forum to raise money for this program.

Betsy Creedon moved that the Vestry of Christ Church Grosse Pointe accept the written proposal for the outreach project by the youth group. Heather Albrecht seconded the motion; all approved.

*Gifts, Acquisitions & Furnishings - Estate Sale:* Stuart Grigg informed vestry that the Snyders have offered their home on Beverly to be used for an estate sale in October (18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>).

- Donations will be solicited from the community and parishioners.
- Net proceeds from the Preview Party will go to outreach.
- Lori Stefek will conduct the sale.

Motion was made that the Vestry of Christ Church Grosse Pointe approve an estate sale to take place at the home of John and Sharon Snyder on October 18, 19, 20. The motion was seconded; all approved.

**VI. Old Business**

*Treasurer's Report:* George Sutton reviewed the treasurer's report – there is a \$53,000 favorable variance. CC is in a favorable budget situation.

**VII. Vestry Reflections on Parish Program, Ministries, etc.**

Brad reminded vestry that at the September meeting he would like to reflect on the book *Amazing Grace* that David Redfield gave to the vestry at the June meeting.

**VIII. Closing Prayer**

Mike DeFillipi said the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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