



Minutes of the Vestry

September 17, 2007

Present: Heather Albrecht, Richard Beadle, Betsy Creedon, Mike DeFillipi, David Dieter, Lisa Flores, Stuart Grigg, Susan Heinen, Monte Jahnke, Susan Larsen, Joe Maycock, Theresa Muzzi, Pat O'Brien, Jeff Stallings, George Sutton, Al Torp, John VanOsdol, Brad Whitaker

Absent: Don Sweeny, Pat Wenzel

I. Opening Prayer

Pat O'Brien said the opening prayer.

II. Opening Matters

Announcements: Brad mentioned that the conference he attended last week was well done and in preparation for his sabbatical coming up in the summer of 2008. He is considering the theme of *Reconciliation*. It is his hope to go to Burundi and Rwanda to spend time with those who are dealing with the post-genocide; then on to Scotland. He plans to appoint a committee to help in the planning of his sabbatical.

- Brad will forward to the vestry a memo regarding the Bound Together East program, particularly Kids' College.
- Scott's organ concert was wonderful and the hospitality he extended was terrific.

Wardens' Comments: Monte Jahnke referred to the letter on the sexual conduct policy and that the meeting that was to be held on September 6 has been delayed because Lisa Gray, from the diocese, was unable to attend.

- Buildings and Grounds is looking at clergy housing and in particular at the rectory to do some necessary updating. The main rectory (the Whitakers residence) should be viewed not only as a residence but as a community place to be used for church related events. Therefore, that building should be considered a capital investment and kept updated.
- Because of this conversation, some vestry members stated the need to be more knowledgeable about the workings of Buildings and Grounds and Conservation Trust. It was suggested that the chairs of B & G and Conservation Trust attend a vestry meeting to give an overview of their committees.
- Please start thinking about vestry nominations.

A suggestion was made that those leaving the vestry should do a needs assessment analysis. It was also suggested that a list be compiled of the skills and talents that would be beneficial for vestry nominees and this information submitted to the Vestry Nominating Committee as they start recruiting candidates.

Pastoral Concerns: David Dieter requested that vestry continue to keep the Albrechts in their prayers. Walter Payne continues to hold on and has commissioned the purchase of Easter vestments. Dick Boynton is in hospice care.

- Grief Support is going on a hiatus.
- Career Transition is starting up again soon.
- Divorce Support is ready to expand their group.

III. Approval of the Minutes of August 20, 2007

The minutes were approved as circulated.

IV. Parish Ministries Reports

Parish Resource Ministries: George Sutton reported that Grosse Pointe South replaced the fence as part of the renovation at the high school.

- Quarterly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday.
- The Estate Sale is October 18, 19 and 20.

Parish Education Ministries: Jeff Stallings reported that he had the opportunity to spend time with Scott and the kids at choir camp and the emphasis was on team building.

- Things are coming together on Sunday mornings and at Tuesdays Together.
- The Book Club is starting up again and will be headed by Gerhard Heinen.
- If you order books through the Cloister Book Shop by going to amazon.com the church receives 4% of the order.

Outreach Ministries: Susan Heinen reported that Eric Pope is stepping down as the chair of Crossroads; however, three men have been recruited and are looking forward to doing it. Volunteers are needed for the Soup Kitchen on September 30.

David Dieter mentioned that Bound Together East had an amazing month.

- Susan Heinen was there daily volunteering.
- Greta Lawrence provided the breakfasts and lunches every day at no cost to us.

Parish Life Ministries: Pat O'Brien reported that Lisa Flores has taken over the Welcoming Committee.

- Quarterly meeting is set for September 27 for Parish Life.
- Tuesdays Together is underway.

V. New Business

DeHaven Book Fund Raiser: David Dieter passed around the DeHaven Book for vestry to view. The book includes a composite of photos of Fred DeHaven's 32 years at CC as well as the DeHaven celebration weekend.

- Suggested cost per book is \$75; however, it is not set in stone.
- It will be marketed to all those who were invited to the DeHaven events.

George Sutton moved that the Vestry of Christ Church Grosse Pointe approve the selling of the DeHaven Book to raise money for the DeHaven Music Endowment Fund (exact details to be worked out). Pat O'Brien seconded the motion; all approved.

Rugs: Stuart Grigg informed the vestry that an estate sale is coming up in October. Proceeds from estate sales are used to reupholster and repair items in the church buildings.

- There were two rugs in the Cloister and Brad's dining room that the committee would like to put in the estate sale along with the conference table that was in Miller Hall.
- The sale will be at the former home of the Snyders.

Stuart Grigg moved that the Vestry of Christ Church Grosse Pointe allow GAFC permission to sell two rugs formerly in the Cloister, the rug formerly in Brad's dining room, and the conference table formerly in Miller Hall in the upcoming estate sale. Betsy Creedon seconded the motion; all approved.

Update on the View Book: The committee is still waiting on information from Lisa Flores and Scott Hanoian. They hope to have it published by the end of the year.

VI. Old Business

Treasurer's Report: Theresa Muzzi reported that CC has a surplus of \$4,453 which is a positive variance against the budget.

- There are some ministries that are over budget and the committee is in conversation with the lay leaders and the staff involved.
- Projected year end total for 2007 is a \$12,000 loss.

John VanOsdol thanked those vestry members who have already pledged for 2008 and encouraged the rest to get their pledges in.

Brad mentioned that the House of Bishops is meeting in New Orleans this week and that the Archbishop of Canterbury will be attending. The news that will be coming out of this meeting should be interesting.

Brad encouraged the Vestry Person of the Day to become involved in Children's Chapel on Sunday morning.

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

This was actually moved to the top of the meeting. Vestry members reflected on and discussed the book *Amazing Grace*, by Eric Metaxas, which was given to them by Dave Redfield.

VIII. Closing Prayer

Monte Jahnke said the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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