



# Christ Church Grosse Pointe



## Minutes of the Vestry

February 9, 2008

**Present:** Heather Albrecht, Richard Beadle, Libby Candler, Betsy Creedon, Mike DeFillipi, Ted Hagan, Joe Katulic, Susan Larsen, Joe Maycock, Pat O'Brien, Carrie Sutton, Don Sweeny, Al Torp, John Van Osdol, Jeff vonSchwarz, Brad Whitaker

### I. New Business

#### *Election of Vestry Officers*

- Brad announced that he had received declines from two potential Treasurers and that the search would continue. Pat Wenzel has agreed to stay on in that role until a new Treasurer can be identified.
- Al Torp moved that Susan Larsen be named Secretary of the Vestry and Don Sweeny seconded the motion; all approved.
- John Van Osdol moved that Betsy Creedon be named Senior Warden and Carrie Sutton seconded the motion; all approved.
- Dick Beadle moved that Don Sweeny be named Junior Warden and John Van Osdol seconded the motion. Pat O'Brien moved that Joe Maycock be named Junior Warden and Heather Albrecht seconded the motion. Paper ballots were distributed; the ballots were collected and then counted by Brad. Joe Maycock was elected Junior Warden. Joe Maycock, who also serves in the role of Chancellor, noted that he had checked with Seth Lloyd [Chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan] about any impediments to serving concurrently as both Junior Warden and Chancellor. Seth Lloyd said that the canons were ambiguous but that nothing precluded an officer (e.g., Junior Warden) from also serving in an appointed position (e.g., Chancellor), particularly as the latter is a non-voting position. Discussion continued about the integral role that the Chancellor and Junior Warden play in working with the Senior Warden, and Betsy Creedon stated that the dual role would not be an issue. Betsy Creedon moved that we agree to the dual role for Joe Maycock and Pat O'Brien seconded the motion; all approved.

#### *Ministry Chairs*

- Brad announced that Ministry assignments would be finalized tomorrow [February 10]. Heather Albrecht asked for clarification on the increased responsibility that will fall to the chair for Parish Education, in light of the fact that we are presently without staff in the Youth and Children's area. Brad confirmed that the Christian Formation chair would indeed have added responsibility and that going forward the VPOD will also have additional duties in that regard, specifically, walking the hallways of the new wing—all three floors—during Sunday School. Don Sweeny asked what the VPOD should be looking for and Brad replied that we should be

looking to make sure all the rooms were covered and to be another body present if needed.

## II. Old Business

- John Van Osdol gave a status report on the late pledgers: of the 77 people in the category of those who had pledged last year but not this year 40 have responded. We are \$10,000 short of our pledge goal for 2008. Calls should continue and if we cannot reach a live voice, we may leave a message and then follow up again. It was suggested that we follow up with a hand-written note. It was also clarified that we are still in deficit for \$4,000, making us actually \$14,000 short of the total budget. Pat O'Brien asked about the status of pledgers in the "some years but not last year" category. John Van Osdol confirmed that those people have received communication about pledging.
- Brad was asked about the response to the cards that were distributed at the Annual Meeting asking parishioners to commit time and money to specific ministries this year. He reported that 100 to 200 cards had been returned, though many people checked off the ministries with which they were already involved.
- \$9,000 has been collected of the \$10,000 pledged for the "100 for \$100" campaign. It was proposed that we call folks we know and spread the word about this campaign.
- Dick Beadle asked how we are doing in regards to our efforts to bring one new family, each, per quarter to the parish and encouraged the Vestry, again, to commit to this initiative.
- Brad commented on the 5:30 Children's Service on Ash Wednesday, praising Lisa Flores for a fantastic job and commenting that she gave the best children's sermon on the subject he'd ever heard. He also reminded everyone of the Lenten Lecture series and encouraged people to bring/serve the soup and salad for those Tuesday night dinners.

Dates to remember:

- More information on the Vestry Retreat will follow (Feb. 29–March 2)
- Vestry commissioning will take place on the second Sunday in March

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Larsen  
Secretary of the Vestry

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