



# Christ Church Grosse Pointe



## Minutes of the Vestry

June 16, 2008

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

**Absent:** Ted Hagan, Carrie Sutton

### I. Opening Prayer

Joe Maycock said the opening prayer.

### II. Parishioner Comments

### III. Conversation

*Statement of Tithing* – Brad led a discussion around the Statement of Stewardship offered by the Christ Church First Committee. The statement will be given to the Rector's Committee to determine how it is to be approached and how they want to address this policy.

### IV. Opening Matters

*Announcements:* Emma Hanoian starts chemotherapy this Friday. The church is organizing food support.

- Search Committee for the Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries position had a candidate come in this past week. Very strong consensus and positive feedback about her among the committee. Keep this process in your prayers.
- Dean of the Cathedral of St. Paul's, London will be here this Sunday preaching at the 10:15 service.
- Lisa Flores is at Kanuga this week co-coordinating the Christian Formation Conference. Next week she returns with some of our youth.
- David Dieter returns tomorrow from vacation.
- Brad and family are leaving June 23<sup>rd</sup> to visit his father.
- Email during sabbatical – Brad will send out a notice to his entire address book saying he will not be responding to email while on sabbatical.
- Barbara Bochenek, a new parishioner at CC and the person we had a bone marrow drive for, died. Her funeral is this week.
- The wardens met with Brad to go over his evaluation.
  - Within Pastoral Care we are in the process of improving our system. We are going to have a Pastoral Care board that will be more noticeable.
  - Planned Giving will be pushed to the top of the list for the Christ Church First group to see how we can affect some active movement.

- Property issues – Brad would like to discuss this in the future as a “mutual ministry review”. It should take place with vestry and leadership.
- The charts that show the summary of all the answers of Brad’s evaluation are available in Kay’s office if you would like to see them.
- Based on last month’s conversation with John Woodhouse regarding the inventory project, Kay is carving ten hours a week to help him out while Brad is away.

*Wardens’ Comments:* Joe Maycock reported that he and Betsy will work on the Clergy Housing Guidelines.

*Pastoral Concerns:* Brad visited several homebound this past week.

*Correspondence:* No report.

## **V. Approval of the Minutes for May 19, 2008**

The minutes were approved as circulated.

## **VI. New Business**

*Thank You Note Signing:* John Van Osdol referred to the thank you note in vestry packets that will be mailed to the parish with their quarterly statement. He passed around blank paper requesting vestry members’ signatures to be copied onto the note.

## **VII. Old Business**

*Treasurer’s Report:* Jean Redfield referred to the May 2008 Treasurer’s Report that was distributed to vestry.

- The positive variance continues to improve.
- The surplus will most likely carry through the entire year – a significant portion coming through the Parish Christian Formation Ministries and the Parish Resources Ministries. It is basically the unfunded person for the unfilled staff position. Whether CC pays a relocation allowance and the timeliness of the new person’s arrival will impact the surplus.
- The Finance Committee is working on the 2009 budget. Brad has made a recommendation to add another staff person to work on volunteer coordination and ACS data managing.
- Jean would like to start working with committee chairs that have considerable budgets to help them understand how their budget works so they can meet their budget.

*Contemplation Update:* John Van Osdol reported that Christ Church First met recently and he voiced vestry’s concerns from the May meeting about the contemplation approach and rolling it out to the parish. They evolved their approach. The conversation will be centered around everyone’s faith journey. Questions to be asked: *What are you searching for in your life? Where is God acting in your life? and What is Christ Church’s role in your search?* Those who are going to engage in conversation will have specific training. CCF would like to begin by having conversations first with the committee chairs.

## **VIII. Parish Ministries Reports**

*Parish Resources Ministries:* Pat O’Brien made a request for Gifts and Acquisitions. They would like the support of the vestry to continue with an estate sale in the fall. Monies from the sale would be allocated to outreach and to the church budget. Gifts and Acquisitions is requesting permission from the vestry to have an annual estate sale. The vestry affirmed their request.

*Parish Outreach Ministries:* Libby Candler distributed the Outreach Funding Report (Attachment A) dated June 2008 showing the distribution of funds.

## **IX. Vestry Comments and Observations**

Al Torp, in conversation with some parishioners, was questioned as to why programs, such as yoga and exercise classes, are not held at Christ Church while they are being held at other churches? These programs would bring non-parishioners within the community to CC. Theresa expressed her concern regarding tax issues. She will check further.

Libby Candler reminded vestry about the Golf Outing on June 23.

Don Sweeny expressed concern about hearing from the Personnel Committee and also questioned whether CC could afford the number of clergy we have if we need to raise the salary level for the Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries? Brad presented the question as to what do we value in this position? Do we value it in the same way as the music position and other ministries that are important to CC?

Dick Beadle made a personal request that CC finds the finest person we can for the Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries and that we will get the money.

Brad mentioned that while he is away Lisa Flores has been empowered to hire a part-time or full-time interim if it comes to the point where we think the final candidate is not the right person.

Concern was voiced about going two months without a vestry meeting. It was decided that vestry will meet on July 21. Dinner will be at 5:30 and the meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m. The Rector's Committee will meet on July 14. There will not be a meeting in August.

Libby Candler reported that the Antiques Show silent auction made \$13,000 and Nancy Osborn and Scottie Knight will chair the Antiques Show again next year.

## **X. Closing Prayer**

Libby Candler said the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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