



Minutes of the Vestry

January 12, 2009

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

Absent: Heather Albrecht

I. Opening Prayer

Betsy Creedon opened the meeting with a prayer.

II. Parishioners' Comments

John Van Osdol reported on a comment made to him by a parishioner. The parishioner suggested that CC hold a vestry forum quarterly or bi-annually so that various questions and issues could be addressed, such as the youth program and the budget.

III. Opening Matters

Announcements: Brad reported that CC has a great Stephen Ministry class; the largest ever. To date, ninety-seven have been trained as Stephen Ministers and they have twenty-one new members starting training this evening.

- Purple Perspective, our Lenten program begins March 3rd. Four speakers are scheduled: Fran McKendree, a musician on the 3rd; a military chaplain, on the 10th; the Dean of the Cathedral in Atlanta, Sam Candler, on the 17th; the 24th we are still negotiating; and Nell Bolton, who is on the diocesan staff in New Orleans, on the 31st. The theme for Purple Perspective is from Ps. 119:49 – *Remember your word to your servants for you have given me hope*. The speakers will focus their talk on hope in the midst of challenges and changes.

Wardens' Comments: Joe Maycock reported that at the last forum a parishioner approached him requesting a discussion of the proposed bylaw amendments at the next forum. Brad and Betsy will be available to handle this discussion at Sunday's forum.

Pastoral Concerns: Brad informed vestry that John Albrecht is in the hospital with sepsis. Keep John, Betsy's dad, and others in the parish in your prayers.

Correspondence: No report.

IV. Approval of the Minutes for December 15, 2008

The December minutes were approved as circulated.

V. New Business

Outreach Funding Appointments: These appointments are on hold.

VI. Old Business

Conservation Trustee: The Vestry must appoint a person for Elaine Yates' position as trustee as she is rotating off the Conservation Trust Committee. Gaylord Creedon's name has been proposed to be appointed for the six-year term and Brad has run his name by the current chair (Mark Lorenger) and incoming chair (George Sutton) of Buildings and Grounds. In addition, George has two years remaining on his tenure as a trustee of Conservation Trust. Because the B & G chair is an automatic trustee, George Sutton is going to resign his appointed trustee status; therefore, that leaves one other position that must be filled for the remaining two years. At this time we do not have a person to fill George's position.

Pat O'Brien moved that the Vestry of Christ Church Grosse Pointe approve the appointment of Gaylord Creedon as trustee to the Conservation Trust to replace Elaine Yates who is rotating off. Libby Candler seconded the motion; all approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jean Redfield reported that CC continues to hold the estimated pledge at \$955,000 which is slightly lower than our pledge dollars from 2008. We have firm pledges of \$851,210. That excludes 64 pledging units from 2008 who pledged late last year and will hopefully pledge in 2009.

- Current giving level is just over \$1,000,000.
- The net revenue for 2009 is just over \$1,500,000; approximately \$33,000 less than 2008.
- The expenses for 2009 were reviewed in detail; total expenditures are \$1,612,000, \$11,000 more than 2008.
- Net deficit is \$108,000.

John Van Osdol reported that the Christ Church First group had thirteen people come forward to put together a matching \$60,000 fund. Over Christmas, CCF sent a letter to the parish explaining this fund and as of this date sixty pledging units have contributed \$45,750 in matching funds. CCF is very optimistic that they will reach their goal. They would like 100% participation of vestry.

VII. Parish Ministries Reports

Parish Christian Formation Ministries: Jean Redfield updated vestry on Tuesdays Together. Starting this Tuesday until Lent the *Lord's Prayer* will be dissected.

Parish Pastoral Care Ministries: Mike DeFillipi mentioned that four members from Church of the Messiah are attending the Stephen Ministry class. Pastoral Care is making a contribution to outreach by reaching out to the community beyond the Church.

VIII. General Comments

IX. Closing Prayer

Brad said the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm at which time the vestry and rector entered into an executive session after a short break.

X. Executive Session

Budget Discussion: Libby Candler moved that the Vestry of Christ Church Grosse Pointe approve the 2009 budget, to include the challenge fund of \$120,000, which will result in a surplus for the 2009 budget. Al Torp seconded the motion; all approved.

Respectfully submitted, Kay Yntema-Gruner - Recording Secretary

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