



Christ Church Grosse Pointe



Minutes of the Vestry

April 20, 2009

Present: Peggy Beadle, Libby Candler, Denise Crenshaw, David Dieter, Lisa Flores, Ted Hagan, Scott Hanoian, Joe Katulic, Susan Larsen, Joe Maycock, David McCoy, Theresa Muzzi, Pat O'Brien, Julie Sutton, Amie Sweeney, Don Sweeny, Al Torp, Jeff vonSchwarz, Brad Whitaker

Absent: Mark Lorenger

Guests: Ben Daume, Mike DeFillipi, David Gaskin, Polly Ledyard, Sharon Snyder, Elaine Yates

I. Opening Prayer

Jeff vonSchwarz opened the meeting with a prayer.

II. Parishioners' Comments

No comments were expressed.

III. Opening Matters

Announcements: Brad informed vestry that Jeff Dugan, a former clergy at CC, had a hiking accident and is in a coma.

- The Archbishop of Burundi will arrive at CC Thursday and will be here through Sunday. He is scheduled to join the Relay for Life Wine Tasting Thursday night, he will speak at The Academy Friday morning, have lunch with Bishop Gibbs and tour the Cathedral Friday afternoon, and there will be an informal meet and greet at the Rectory Friday between 6 and 8 pm. He will preach at the 8, 9 and 11:15 am services. CC will also be making a presentation to him on Sunday of funds that were donated as an offering of thanksgiving for Betsy Creedon's work as senior warden last year.

Wardens' Comments: Joe Maycock mentioned that vestry decided to distribute quarterly financial information to the parish comparing the budget to the actual revenue and expenses. Jean has this information ready to go and Joe has the endowment information ready as well.

Pastoral Concerns: Please remember those who have lost their jobs in your prayers.

Correspondence: No report

IV. Approval of the Minutes for March 16, 2009

The minutes were approved as circulated.

V. New Business

Stephen Ministry Presentation: Ben Daume, Polly Ledyard, Sharon Snyder and Mike DeFillipi reported that Stephen Ministry has been at CC since 1990 and 115 persons have been trained over the years. This year they have seventeen in their current training class and four of those members are from Messiah. The Stephen Minister walks with those who are experiencing mundane or serious difficulties and they serve people in nursing homes. They are trained to do reflective listening and they are open to forming relationships with anyone within the parish and beyond. Stephen Ministers that are in relationships are supervised every two weeks by peer group supervision. It is an extremely confidential relationship and names are never discussed. Because of the size of this parish, the leaders are asking the vestry to sell this ministry. When you see or hear of someone who is in distress that you think could use a confidential listener, supporter, encourager, please refer that person to a Stephen Minister leader.

Outreach Funding members: It is the vestry's responsibility to approve the members of this committee and they serve a three year term.

Libby Candler moved that the Vestry of Christ Church Grosse Pointe approve the following to serve on the Outreach Funding Committee: Mary Herring, George Sutton and John Van Osdol. The motion was seconded; all approved.

Liquor License for the Antiques Show: Pat O'Brien moved that the Vestry of Christ Church Grosse Pointe approve the liquor license for the Antiques Show. Denise Crenshaw seconded the motion; all approved.

Moving Forward: Brad reported that the Moving Forward Committee had their first meeting. By October this group expects to have some specific initiatives that will be responsive to the Vestry Priorities that were established in October 2008.

Brad walked the vestry through a reflective exercise after reading a message from his blog. The exercise was to make us aware of what God has given us and that we should be thankful that God has granted us another day to serve another child of God.

VI. Old Business

Jean Redfield reported that the deficit of \$43,712 is less than where we expected to be last month.

- Jean explained that in order to take income from the endowments we need to preserve principal plus accumulated inflation. Before we can expect to take expendables from the endowment we will need to make up the negative balance. Unless the market changes dramatically this could take a few years.
- To date, the income is up by \$51,000 and this has to do with those who gave to the special giving challenge earlier in the year.

Stained Glass Windows Project: Brad reported that David Gaskin has information to share regarding the Rohlf's contract and a couple resolutions that the vestry needs to consider. Elaine Yates and Mike DeFillipi were present to answer questions from the vestry.

David Gaskin informed vestry that CC is entering into a contract with Rohlf's Stained and Leaded Glass Studio (assuming vestry approves) to restore the stained glass windows. David has reviewed the contract with Rohlf's and he has talked with the insurance people behind Rohlf's and is satisfied that there are significant insurances in place that will protect the church in case something should happen to the stained glass windows. The windows will be removed and replaced in five phases and will take about two years. The funding will come from the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan; thus, allowing the donors to remain anonymous. Community Foundation forwarded to CC their Grant Acceptance Proposal. This will

allow them to make the funding to CC on behalf of the donors. Payment from CC will be distributed to Rohlf's as each phase is completed.

There is a resolution that needs to be passed that allows the rector and the senior warden to enter into this agreement with the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan. It authorizes CC to accept the \$600,000 grant.

The three-page resolution, drawn up by David Gaskin, authorizes the rector and the senior warden to enter into the Rohlf's contract; and it establishes an ongoing restricted Stained Glass Windows Fund, the purpose of which is to augment the Conservation Fund. It will help in dealing with the issue of what happens when the market goes down and the Conservation Fund cannot fund this project. It will be a separate fund into which monies could be placed either from parishioners or, over a long period of time (approximately 65-75 years), from the Conservation Fund. An inflation factor is built in to the fund.

Many questions were directed to David Gaskin concerning the resolution, the funding of the project and the contract with Rohlf's. There was a great deal of discussion on setting back the start date of the restoration to possibly build up a contingency fund in case there are any unforeseen additional repairs. After in-depth discussion the vestry agreed to move forward.

Lisa Flores made the suggestion that while the windows are at Rohlf's Studio that pictures be taken so that they can be placed in a coffee table book. Elaine elaborated stating that it is the intention of the committee to do that plus a video, coloring books for children, cards, etc.

Frequently asked questions regarding the restoration will be available on the web site so that people can access the information at their convenience.

Pat O'Brien moved that the Vestry of Christ Church Grosse Pointe accept the Resolution attached (Attachment A) authorizing the Rector and Senior Warden to enter into a contract on behalf of Christ Church Grosse Pointe for the repair and restoration of the stained glass windows (including leaded glass); and, establish an ongoing Stained Glass Windows Fund. Carrie Sutton seconded the motion; all approved. (The resolution was signed and dated by the vestry secretary Susan Larsen.)

Pat O'Brien moved that the Vestry of Christ Church Grosse Pointe authorize the Rector and the Senior Warden to sign and execute a Grant Agreement accepting a grant from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan in furtherance of the stained glass windows project and the contract with Rohlf's Stained and Leaded Glass Studio, Inc. Joe Maycock seconded the motion; all approved.

VII. Parish Ministries Reports

Parish Christian Formation Ministries: Denise Crenshaw reported that she attended a MOPS meeting today and they are doing a fabulous job. Not all participants are members of CC. Anna Wenzler, a new member of CC, is taking over the chair position of Tracey Torosian. Sheri Conway has been the mentor for the group for the last four years and she was honored at the MOPS meeting today.

VIII. General Comments

Brad mentioned that Holy Week was one of the best in a while. There was increased attendance for most of the services. It was a great Holy Week and Easter.

IX. Closing Prayer

Susan Larsen said the closing prayer.

X. Executive Session

Vestry agreed to forego the executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kay Yntema-Gruner
Recording Secretary

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