



Christ Church Grosse Pointe



Minutes of the Vestry

October 19, 2009

Present: Peggy Beadle, Libby Candler, David Dieter, Ted Hagan, Scott Hanoian, Mark Lorenger, David McCoy, Theresa Muzzi, Jean Redfield, Carrie Sutton, Amie Sweeney, Don Sweeny, Al Torp, Jeff vonSchwarz, Brad Whitaker

Absent: Denise Crenshaw, Joe Katulic, Susan Larsen, Joe Maycock, Pat O'Brien

Guest: Paula Labadie

I. Opening Prayer

Don Sweeny opened the meeting with a prayer.

II. Parishioners' Comments

III. Opening Matters

Announcement: Brad welcomed Paula Labadie to the vestry. Paula is replacing Carrie Sutton who leaves for Germany the end of this month. Brad also recognized Carrie and wished her well.

- Lisa Flores and Ron Spann are at the CREDO conference which is a continuing education program sponsored by the Pension Fund.

Wardens' Comments: No report.

Pastoral Concerns: Please remember Hal Smith, Doreen Taylor and others in your prayers.

Correspondence: No report.

IV. Approval of the Minutes for September 21, 2009

The minutes were approved as circulated.

V. New Business

Outreach: Gleaners Bread Sale: David Dieter would like to organize a bread sale that will benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank. The bread is made to order by Matt Prentice's commercial bakery. Order forms would be available in advance and the bread would be delivered fresh on the requested date. Every loaf purchased feeds six people.

Libby Candler moved that the Vestry of Christ Church Grosse Pointe approve the fundraiser for Gleaners to sell bread, with an option to redirect the bread to another organization if parishioners wish to do so. Ted Hagan seconded the motion; all approved.

Fundraising for BTM and WSU: David Dieter informed vestry that this fundraiser will benefit Bound Together Detroit. CC will be offering the use of our building to Eldonna May, who is an oboist and the chair of the music department at WSU, to do a concert at CC with a suggested donation of \$10. All the money from the concert will go to BTM. CC's only expense would be the use of the building and sexton hours.

The Vestry of Christ Church Grosse Pointe moved that WSU be allowed to perform a concert at CC that will benefit Bound Together Detroit. The motion was seconded and approved.

Open Plate on Crossroads Sundays designated to Crossroads: This proposal was discussed to have the loose money collected at services designated to go directly to offset the cost of food for Crossroads Soup Kitchen on Crossroads Sundays.

The Vestry of Christ Church Grosse Pointe moved that the loose plate offering on Crossroads Sundays go to offset food expenses for Crossroads Soup Kitchen. The motion was seconded and approved.

VI. Old Business

Treasurer's Report: Jean Redfield reviewed the report that distributed at the meeting.

- Accrued pledging and total giving are expected to end the year behind budget.
- Expect to end the year with a favorable variance; expenses will end up lower than anticipated; we should break even for the year with approximately \$4,700 to the good.

VII. Parish Ministries Reports

Parish Christian Formation Ministries: The Wednesday Bible Study is going well and there are between 20 and 30 participants. Denise Crenshaw has another Bible Study scheduled for Advent.

- The youth event at Pier Park went well. About 18-20 youth participated.

Parish Outreach Ministries: Mark Lorenger attended the Outreach Funding Committee meeting last week. The list of distributions will be shared with the vestry once it is finalized.

Parish Life Ministries: Al Torp reported that the newcomers' class is ongoing. There will be a welcoming liturgy and dinner at the rectory for newcomers on November 1.

Parish Liturgy and Worship Ministries: Celtic Eucharist is November 8.

Parish Pastoral Care Ministries: David Dieter informed vestry that CC now has seven card angels that will be sending out cards to people on various occasions beginning in November.

- Stephen Ministry made three new assignments.

VIII. General Comments

Brad would like to keep the conversation going about the work that the Moving Forward Committee has accomplished. He divided the vestry in two groups to discuss what being on the vestry means for individual members.

Brad shared that his prayer is that vestry and staff work as one body, partners in ministry, doing this work joyfully together.

IX. Closing Prayer

David McCoy said the closing prayer at which time the vestry adjourned at 7:25 pm

X. Executive Session

After a short recess the rector and vestry went into an executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

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