



Christ Church Grosse Pointe



Minutes of the Vestry

November 16, 2009

Present: Peggy Beadle, Libby Candler, Denise Crenshaw, David Dieter, Lisa Flores, Scott Hanoian, Joe Katulic, Paula Labadie, Susan Larsen, Joe Maycock, David McCoy, Theresa Muzzi, Pat O'Brien, Jean Redfield, Amie Sweeney, Don Sweeny, Al Torp, Brad Whitaker

Absent: Ted Hagan, Mark Lorenger, Jeff vonSchwarz

I. Opening Prayer

Lisa Flores opened the meeting with a prayer.

II. Parishioners' Comments

III. Opening Matters

Announcements: Brad informed vestry that the Christmas Open House would be Thursday, December 10.

- Christmas Giving is underway.
- Al and Mark will coordinate a dinner for the December vestry meeting. The dinner will be at 6 pm and the meeting will follow.
- The Celtic Eucharist was a wonderful service; approximately 150 attended.

Wardens Comments: Joe Maycock reported that the Nominating Committee has a slate of ten candidates: Hope Hoffman, Chris Harrison, David Jones, Polly Ledyard, Wendy Niven, Bev Walsh, Norah Williams, John Woodhouse, Betsy McCormick, and Emily Tennyson.

Pastoral Concerns: David Dieter reminded vestry that the holidays are difficult times for many. Please be sensitive.

Correspondence: No report

IV. Approval of the Minutes for October 19, 2009

Change under Parish Christian Formation: It states *Denise Crenshaw has another Bible Study scheduled for Advent* – It should read that there may possibly be a Bible Study offered during Advent.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

V. New Business

Liquor License for Gifts & Greens Preview Party: Pat O'Brien moved that the Vestry of Christ Church Grosse Pointe approve a Liquor License for the Gifts and Greens Preview Party to be held on December 4, 2009. Amie Sweeney seconded the motion; all approved.

Follow up to Moving Forward: Libby Candler defined the mission of CCGP by stating that *to bring God and people together* means to *become a more welcoming and inclusive parish family in everything we do and to know and live the good news of Jesus Christ* emphasizes the importance to *hire a full-time, experienced Director of Christian Formation to create and lead a Christian Formation Program equal to our Music Program in quality, participation and joy.* The hiring of a director of Christian Formation was agreed upon at the September vestry meeting. Therefore, would vestry consider using funds to pay for a Christian Formation person raising this as a funding priority for vestry discussion in December regarding budget implications?

Libby created a flow chart (Attachment A) of the current 2009 ministries structure showing what is happening today and how the ministries are divided among clergy and program staff. On the reverse, a draft showing the inclusion of an experienced director of Christian Formation shows all the events that could be added and areas it would free Lisa Flores and other clergy of. Please review these structures for future discussion.

There was discussion regarding the salary of the director of Christian Formation and of securing this position for the next three to five years financially.

VI. Old Business

Treasurer's Report: Jean Redfield reviewed the Treasurer's Report which shows the current projection for 2009 year end and a draft budget for 2010. The 2010 budget reflects the Christ Church First goal.

- Total revenue for 2009 is expected to be just over \$1.5 million and the budget is built around an increase in current giving income to \$1.7 million for 2010. This assumes no use of unrestricted funds.

VII. Parish Ministries Reports

Parish Resources Ministries: David McCoy reported that currently we have fifteen pledges that have decreased (approximately \$30,000); fifty-six have increased their pledge (approximately \$41,000); five new pledges at \$13,000.

Parish Christian Formation Ministries: Denise Crenshaw distributed a MOPS Newsletter for vestry to peruse.

- Christian Formation Committee is working to fill in slots for adult forums and Tuesdays Together.
- The committee is hoping to do something on expressions of faith at the forums during Lent.
- They are looking at world religions for Tuesdays Together in April and May.
- There may be something offered for Advent.

Parish Outreach Ministries: Libby Candler has a list of organizations that received money. It will be sent to vestry via email.

Parish Liturgy and Worship: Pat O'Brien mentioned that the Antiques Show Committee has been meeting and they are moving along for 2010.

- There is a lot happening in December – Advent Procession, Handel's Messiah, Christmas Eve/Day services.

VIII. General Comments

IX. Closing Prayer

Denise Crenshaw said the closing prayer at which time the vestry adjourned at 7:30 pm.

X. Executive Session

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

Respectfully submitted,

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