

# CHRIST CHURCH GROSSE POINTE

## Minutes of the Vestry

November 21, 2011

**Present:** David Dieter, Scott Hanoian, Chris Harrison, Mary Herring, Hope Hoffman, Melody Huffer, Paula Labadie, Mark Lorenger, Andy MacBeth, David McCoy, Wendy Niven, George Sutton, Kit Tennyson, John Woodhouse

**Absent:** Peggy Beadle, Denise Crenshaw, David Jones

### Opening Prayer

- Andy MacBeth said the opening prayer.

### Opening Matters

### Parishioners' Comments

- David McCoy suggested that the stewardship visits to parishioners seemed so successful that the Vestry should make visits next year to keep in touch with parishioners. These visits should not just take place at the time of the Stewardship campaign.
- Amie said that someone asked to be included on the Finance Committee and she invited him aboard.
- Jack Williams gave a history of the Cloister Project so the Vestry would understand where the Gifts and Acquisitions Committee stands on the current requested project to install a runner in the Cloister. He pointed out that it is the G&A's task to restore the Cloister, and the installation of this runner would replace the runner that was donated by the Williams family and has since disappeared.

### Interview Committee Report

- Ted Hagan gave a presentation on the process and progress of the Interview Committee. The report included the following:
  - CCGP is now officially on the Office of Transition Ministry (OTM) Website.
  - Anyone interested in the Rector Search at CCGP can find information on *Rector Search @CCGP.com*
  - On January 17<sup>th</sup> the Bishop will give names of candidates that have passed the due diligence review by the Bishop to the Interview Committee to further process.

### Rector's Report

- Andy participated in the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cathedral.
- Bound Together was not successful in organizing a new schedule for Saturdays, but they will try to launch a new program in January.
- Andy mentioned that the Stewardship committee deserves good credit for a faithful effort.
- The Thanksgiving service and dinner on the Tuesday night before Thanksgiving has not been well attended and we should rethink the purpose and program for the dinner and service.
- The Mothers' Day Out program has not been as active and it may be time to investigate new uses for the facility with the Mothers' Day Out Leaders.
- The 2011 children's offering is projected to reach \$2,500 and we will need an approval if want to present the 2011 donations to the Episcopal Relief Fund. There were suggestions that we use the money for a cause closer to home so the children can relate their donations to something they can understand better.
- The Vestry was given an article from the Alban Institute to read.

### Warden's Comments

- John Woodhouse reported that Sr Warden Peggy Beadle is doing well and is staying at home for a short time.

### **Housing Committee Report**

- Amie Sweeney discussed the selection process for a realtor for the Meadow Lane property and asked the Vestry for their ideas on how to make the selection.
- Andy reported that other large churches in his network open the process to people within and outside of the church.
- Kit Tennyson made a motion to empower the Housing Committee to make the decision on which realtor to select to sell the property.
- John Woodhouse seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed.
- A straw vote was taken by the Vestry on whether the selection for realtor should be open to parishioners as well as to non parishioners and the Vestry voted in favor of having the selection open to both parishioners and non parishioners.

### **Pastoral Concerns**

- There were no new pastoral concerns.

### **Approval of the Minutes for October 17, 2011**

- The minutes were corrected and approved.
- A plan for posting the minutes on the website and on the communication bulletin board after they have been approved by the Vestry was reviewed by Hope Hoffman.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Amie Sweeney presented a new spreadsheet format for the 2012 Budget and pointed out how much easier it will be to read and interpret.
- George Sutton reported that as of 2013, CCGP will be part of the National Church Health Plan and this will save us 30K a year. We actually plan to join the national church plan as of Jan 1, 2012.

### **Stewardship Report**

- Mark Lorenger reported on the progress of the Stewardship program to date.

### **Old Business**

- John Woodhouse made a motion to remove from the table and vote on the Cloister Carpeting proposal.
- John Woodhouse made a recommendation to have G&A purchase and install a runner in the Cloister. Wendy Niven seconded the motion. A brief discussion followed. The motion was passed.

### **New Business**

- We need to change the signatory names on our Schwab account. A suggestion was made to add Amie Sweeney and George Sutton to the Schwab account and to remove Theresa's name. The Vestry agreed with the recommendation.
- Authorization is needed to move special funds account from Talmer to PNC Bank. David McCoy moved that we authorize the move for special funds from the Talmer to the PNC Bank and the motion was seconded by Mark Lorenger. A brief discussion followed and the motion passed.

### **Other Business**

- No other business.

## **Parish Ministries Reports**

### *Parish Christian Formation Ministries:*

- Adult Education has been working hard. Purple Perspectives will be different this year with several weeks of study on Marcus Borg before he comes to speak. Tuesdays Together has not drawing people under 40 at all and not many people attend so they may rethink the programs.

### *Parish Life Ministries:*

- Melody Huffer reported on plans for the Parish Party on December 9<sup>th</sup> that will be sponsored by the Vestry. There is a sign up sheet for Vestry to donate time that night.

### *Evangelism/New Member Incorporation:*

- No Report.

### *Parish Pastoral Care Ministries:*

- No Report

### *Parish Liturgy and Worship Ministries:*

- No Report

### *Parish Resources Ministries*

- No report

### *Parish Outreach Ministries:*

- George Sutton reported that the Gifts and Greens event is coming up the first weekend in December.
- We had several people from CCGP attend the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Church of Messiah and it was a wonderful celebration.
- The Outreach funding Committee did have a meeting to decide the recipients for this year and more details will follow in December.

## **General Comments**

- None.

## **Closing Prayer**

- Mary Herring said the closing prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Hope Hoffman  
Secretary