

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

7:00 pm, Farmer Hall

Attendees: Rev. Steven Domienik, plus almost complete vestry: Chris Abbott, Jen Conroy, Joan Fisler, Cathy Golden, Geoff Gregory, Ben Hoffman, Margaret Mason, Sue McCann, Brenda Naegel, John Paulson, Nick Rawlings, and Olivia Scaros.

Missing: Roger Cyrus

Guests: none

Opening Prayer

Joan

Rev Steven announced that Joan has accepted the appointment as the Vestry's chaplain.

Minutes from February 2012 Vestry Meeting

Nick

Motion to approve February's Minutes (Chris/Ben)

Approved as amended

Treasurer's Report

Cathy

Cathy presented the Treasurer's Report covering February, 2012, together with the current standing of those funds that had activity, a sheet detailing the expenses of the month (no surprises,) and a suggested Messenger article: "From Your Treasurer." Geoff recommended changes to that article and Cathy will work on a revision. John asked that the next Fund Report include all funds, not just those with activity, and Cathy agreed. We discussed the Finance Committee's role in reviewing our budget and decided to ask for recommendations once the first quarter has finished.

The budget is one with a sizeable deficit and we need to try to communicate that, though we may be "on budget," significant deficits cannot be sustained over a long period of time. This situation has been with us for several years, despite efforts to turn it around. The plan of the past years had been to reduce that deficit by \$10,000 each year, leading to a surplus. The underfunding of the Diocesan Pledge last year and the loss of Serendipity make that objective more challenging this year, but we will work together to meet that reduction this year.

The Treasurer's report was accepted after 3 specific changes were accepted. First, we will increase the budgeted Pledges line to match the decrease in the Prepaid pledge line (\$9,210). Second, we will eliminate the \$5,400 Serendipity budget line. Third, upon conclusion of the Spaghetti Dinner/Auction, we will begin to recognize the actual income over the remaining course of the year.

Motion to approve Treasurer's February Report (Geoff/Ben)

Approved Unanimously

Kitchen Renovation Proposal

Steve

The 50th Anniversary Committee has secured several large tentative pledges toward a renovation of the kitchen. We agreed to the following motion:

Motion: The Vestry accepts the 50th Anniversary Committee's gift of a rebuilt kitchen with the already committed funds. The Executive Committee will work out the details. There will be no capital campaign. (Ben/Sue)

Approved Unanimously

Miscellaneous

Ads for St Andrews will appear in *The Source* for the next six weeks.

Dennis Salvo has donated his time and the materials to clean the glass that is protecting the stained glass window in the front of the church. The expected completion date for this project is Palm Sunday. Great job!

Four new families were welcomed last month.

On March 3rd, Ben led a group to a Diocesan Mission conference in Stamford for a one-day event filled with workshops and presentations, including one from St Andrews in New Haven. Perhaps we can do some joint work with them in the future.

Outreach's bowling night went very well.

We continue to review our insurance position. Overall, we are well insured, except for a possible under-insured condition with respect to the church's organ. Steve will ask for an improvement in that. We may also revisit the deductible levels.

We are all looking forward to the spaghetti supper.

Closing Prayer

Steve

Motion to Adjourn

Approved – Adjourn at 9:30.