

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

7:00 pm, Farmer Hall

Attendees: Chris Abbott, Cathy Golden, Geoff Gregory, Ben Hoffman, Margaret Mason, Sue McCann, John Paulson, Nick Rawlings, and Olivia Scaros.

Missing: Rev. Steven Domienik, Jen Conroy, Roger Cyrus, Joan Fisler, Brenda Naegel

Guests: none

Opening Prayer Nick

Minutes from March 2012 Vestry Meeting Nick

Motion to approve February's Minutes (Cathy/Olivia)

Approved without amendment

Vestry Liaisons Geoff

We seek to have a vestry member represent us on each committee. Many volunteered, but a few remain uncovered.

Parochial Report Cathy

“The 2011 Report of Episcopal Congregations and Missions, according to Canons I.6, I.7, and I.17”: that’s the official name for this yearly filing with the Diocese. It is a four page form into which Cathy and Rev Steve have reported St. Andrews’ data from last year, including attendance figures, service statistics, and financial information. Cathy explained the financials and took all of us through the report.

Motion to approve Parochial Report (Nick/Ben)

Approved without amendment

Treasurer's Report Cathy

Cathy presented the Treasurer's Report (TR) covering March, 2012, together with Consolidated Fund Report and a sheet detailing the expenses of March. The only unplanned expense was a \$700 water softener charge, which was paid from the facilities Maintenance Fund.

The TR had the changes approved last month: the Annual Budget for current year pledges was increased to offset the lowered Prepaid Pledge line, the Serendipity Income Budget was zeroed, and the Fundraisers line was adjusted to reflect the Spaghetti Dinner's success. .

Motion to approve Treasurer's March Report (Chris/Sue)

Approved Unanimously

Finance Committee Suggestions Sue

The committee (Sue, Cathy, Mike Greene, Alan Miller, and Pete Moore) recommended that we make a change to our TR in order to reflect our operating deficit differently: move the deficit (\$27.8K) into an increase in the budgeted pledges. The new report would show a “balanced” budget, together with an ambitious pledge target, in place of the just-approved TR, which showed our YTD pledges ahead of the budget. Toward that point (i.e. pledges,) the committee wanted to record that our Faith Based Initiative appears to be steady, and that we should not lose sight of that fact. After some discussion, that recommendation was approved.

Motion to approve Finance Committee's TR Change (Sue/Ben)

Approved Unanimously

Financial Communications Geoff

Geoff shared a letter he has sent to all parishioners in their quarterly statement. In it, he reiterated the good progress we have made, as well as the very significant challenge we face as we attempt to reduce our operating deficit. In addition to that letter's being in *The Messenger*, Geoff will speak about it at each service next Sunday.

Serendipity Reserve Fund

Geoff

There was a sizable fund from the Thrift Shop that was used by Serendipity to begin its run of financially successful years. Now that Serendipity is winding down, we could accept that fund's remaining \$7500 into our operating budget or let it stand as seed money for any follow-on activity. A group has been discussing such "New Beginnings" but has not yet formed a business plan. After some discussion we decided to allow the fund to remain available to such a group for the next few quarters. If there is no approved follow-on, we will then decide what action we should take.

Miscellaneous

As mentioned in the latest Messenger, the Spaghetti Supper was a great success, bring a net of approximately \$25K. Great work by all involved.

Geoff passed around advertisements for St Andrews that are appearing in *The Source*.

Dennis Salvo has finished his contribution of cleaning the glass that is protecting the stained glass window in the front of the church. Fabulous!

The search for a music director continues. Over 20 candidates have applied.

Vestry Meeting with the Bishop

Nick

Bishop Aherns would like to attend our May vestry meeting with our consultant (Barbara Casey) to explain the new Priest-In-Charge process as it relates to Steve and St. Andrew's. Both the Bishop and Steve have to be at an all clergy conference May 14-16 and thus cannot be at the regular third-Tuesday meeting of the vestry on the 15th. The Bishop is able to attend the following Tuesday, May 22nd, so we are going to have to move our vestry meeting to that date.

Closing Prayer

Nick

Motion to Adjourn

Approved – Adjourn at 8:30.