

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 22, 2012

7:00 pm, Farmer Hall

Attendees: Rev. Steven Domienik, Chris Abbott, Jen Conroy, Joan Fisler, Cathy Golden, Ben Hoffman, Margaret Mason, Sue McCann, Brenda Naegel, and Nick Rawlings.

Missing: Geoff Gregory, Roger Cyrus, John Paulson, and Olivia Scaros.

Guests: Bishop Laura Ahrens and Barbara Casey (Diocesan consultant).

Opening Prayer Joan

Vestry Participation Steve

John Paulson has resigned from the vestry. We have decided not to replace him at present.

The Church School will hold its annual appreciation dinner on June 3rd. This year they will invite others who work with school children as well as the vestry. Dinner @ 5:00.

Bishop Ian Douglas holds a quarterly meeting of the Diocesan Executive Council (BDEC) at different churches around Connecticut. On June 6th, ours will be so honored. The vestry is invited to attend. Here's the starting part:

4:30 Gather & Brief worship; afterwards participate in a conversation and dinner.

Priest-in-charge Conversation Bishop Ahrens

The Bishop led us in a discussion of what the process will be to transition from a Priest-in-charge to a permanent rector. There will be a reflective period during which we will discern whether or not we are ready to call a rector. We would hope to have this process completed by early next year, at which point the vestry will sit down with Rev Steve and Bishop Ahrens to review our options.

Minutes from April 2012 Vestry Meeting Nick

Motion to approve March's Minutes (Chris/Brenda)

Approved with minor corrections

Treasurer's Report Cathy

Cathy presented the Treasurer's Report (TR) covering April, 2012, together with Consolidated Fund Report and an abbreviated TR intended for distribution with the next *Messenger*. That last also reported Endowment Fund data, showing the 4% per year (\$1,287 per month) and the loan repayment for the 2003 and 2008 renovations (\$2K per month.) With a positive difference between Income and Expense for April, largely as the results of savings in Music, we are now only \$770 in the red for the year.

We discussed ways we might clarify these statements for the rest of the congregation and agreed that some form of graphical presentation would be an improvement.

Motion to approve Treasurer's April Report (Nick/Joan)

Approved Unanimously

Finance Committee Update Sue

The committee (Sue, Cathy, Mike Greene, Alan Miller, and Pete Moore) has begun planning for next year's budget, with specific attention to expenses by each committee (e.g. outreach, building & grounds, hospitality.) Chairs of each committee will be invited to discuss their plans with the finance committee in the upcoming weeks.

Misc: Ben: Congregation feedback is important. We vestry members will ask at least one parishioner each month, “what is the best thing that has happened recently at St Andrews?” and “do you have any concerns?” Answers will be brought to our vestry meetings and discussed.

Joan: I’ll present the financial update to the June 3rd services.

Cathy: we received an unrestricted posthumous contribution from Natalia Holland of \$20K We will discuss options for its use at our next meeting.

Closing Prayer

Steve

Motion to Adjourn

Approved – Adjourn at 9:30.