

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

7:00 pm, Farmer Hall

Attendees: Rev. Steven Domienik, Jen Conroy, Roger Cyrus, Joan Fisler, Cathy Golden, Geoff Gregory, Margaret Mason, Brenda Naegel, Nick Rawlings, and Olivia Scaros

Missing: Ben Hoffman, Sue McCann, and Chris Abbott.

(Pre-meeting soup generously provided by Joan.)

Opening Prayer Joan

Minutes from May, 2012 Vestry Meeting Nick

Motion to approve April's Minutes (Geoff/Olivia)

Approved with minor corrections

Patio Ideas Steve

We have separate proposals from the pre-school and the Building & Grounds Committee to improve the space between the two southern entrances. The pre-school proposal would be funded (\$3K) by family donations. It would have three picnic tables, a grill, two swings, and plantings. The B&G plan may cost between \$5K and \$25K. It would be a brick or stone gathering place, with plantings and a stone wall to conceal mechanicals and to provide some wall-seating. While appreciating the efforts of both groups, we had concerns about each proposal. Given the high visibility of the space, we do not want to turn it into a picnic area. Given our current financial challenges, we were reluctant to commit to a significant unfunded project. We asked Steve to pursue some merger of the ideas, with cooperation among the parties to share expertise.

Treasurer's Report Cathy

Cathy presented the Treasurer's Report (TR) covering May, 2012, together with the Consolidated Fund Report and Pre-School report through May. The Pre-School shares some 30% of many of our building's operating expenses. That is good news to us in these difficult times. Our finances appear in-line with budget, with expenses and income down; however, we must be realistic. Expenses are down because of three components: below budgeted personnel expenses, which will increase when our new Music Director comes aboard; the Outreach committee's holding back on spending; and a few timing issues, including the Audit expense which will show up at the end of the year.

We accepted the recommendation that Natalia Holland's donation of \$20K be put into our endowment.

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

Approved Unanimously

Stewardship & Finance Committees suggestions Steve

Both committees recognize the shortfall in pledging, though how best they would address that concern (that is, should we ask for additional contributions or merely make the need clear) was not agreed to. For now, we will continue to try further education, but we may have to face difficult expense reductions if that does not work. We now understand there are some 15 families who attend without financial participation. Hopefully they will hear our messages of need and respond. Geoff will provide a letter for the July contribution-update mailing.

Priest-in-charge and the Bishop's epistle on marriage will be the sole subjects of our next vestry meeting, which will be July 24th at 7:00 PM.

Closing Prayer Steve

Motion to Adjourn Approved – Adjourn at 9:06.