

## **Vestry Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

6:30 p.m., Farmer Hall

**Attendees:** Rev. Steve Domienik, Lucinda Embersits, Joan Fisler, Michael Greene, Geoff Gregory, Gene Hines, Alan Miller, John Milner, Brenda Naegel, Jaime Polk, Nick Rawlings

**Absent:** Cathy Golden, Ben Hoffman, Margaret Mason, Sue McCann

**Guest:** Trish Arida (Covenant to Care)

**Opening Prayer** Joan

**Covenant to Care Presentation** Trish

We have three annual commitments to Covenant to Care: Easter baskets, back-to-school backpacks, and Christmas presents. The budget covers the backpacks (~\$2K/year) in addition to a few extra costs including cribs, special moves, and Stop & Shop and Wal-Mart cards. Much of the work of this ministry is completed by Trish Arida who will submit an Outreach Request form for financial assistance in the near future.

**Unfinished Business** Steve

**Vestry voting: Motion (April meeting): that the Clerk record all votes by name (Mike/John). The motion was defeated with the majority voting NO and three voting YES.**

**Handicap Parking: Motion: that we move the reserved spaces east and create one more handicap space (Lucinda/Brenda). The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Outreach: Motion: that we allocate \$1500 for Madison Cares (Nick/Mike). The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Outreach: Motion: that we allocate \$1500 for tuition for our Uganda orphans (Geoff/Brenda). Amendment: that we add a letter to the Uganda Archbishops, asking that they prayerfully reconsider their position on homosexuality (Nick/Gene). The motion was unanimously approved. The motion was then amended to split the letter's sending from the approved \$1500 (Gene/Mike). This motion was approved with one dissenter. The motions were then each unanimously approved.**

**Motion: That the Vestry have a discussion on inclusion criteria for organizations we might support (Gene/Mike). The motion was approved with one abstention and one NO.**

**Approval of June Minutes** Nick

**Motion: to approve June's Minutes (Joan/Alan).**

**The revised motion was unanimously approved.**

**Treasurer's Report**

Cathy

Year-to-date, we are operating \$13.6K ahead of budget. We know that summer months slow contributions, so we must continue our austerity. In August, we may review the tightness of the budget.

Cathy added a column of YTD Disbursements to the Consolidated Fund Report.

**Motion: to approve the July 16 Treasurer's Report (Nick/Gene). The motion was unanimously approved.**

**New Business**

Steve

**Vestry Member Resignation:** Ben Hoffman has resigned.

**Need Vestry Check Signer**

**Closing Prayer**

Steve

**Motion: to Adjourn (Alan/Gene). The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.**

Next Vestry meeting: August 27 at 6:30 p.m.