

Vestry Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2012, 7 p.m.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Farmer Hall

Attendees: Steve Domienik, Geoff Gregory, Ben Hoffman, Cathy Golden, Olivia Scaros, Joan Fidler, Sue McCann, Christine Abbott, Margaret Mason, Brenda Naegel

Absent: Roger Cyrus, Nick Rawlings

Opening Prayer (J. Fidler)

Joan led the Vestry in prayer.

Vestry Membership (S. Domienik)

Motion: A motion was made (C. Abbott/B. Hoffman) to call for a special parish meeting to be held as soon as possible to vote to elect two new members to the Vestry. The motion unanimously passed and carries.

Jen Conroy has resigned from the Vestry. This creates an opening on the Vestry; there is additionally another opening for the position vacated by John Paulson earlier in the year. Two nominations for have been proposed for the open positions:

- Jaime Polk (for John Paulson) – term ending January 2013
- Joe Milner (for Jen Conroy) – term ending January 2015

October 14: Special Parish Meeting (following combined service)

Priest-In-Charge Follow-up (S. Domienik)

Bishop's Visit: Bishop Ahrens visited on Sunday, September 17 for an official parish visit. At coffee hour she conducted a forum to answer questions regarding the priest-in-charge model; following the discussion, she met with the Vestry.

Dinners & Retreat: Over the next six weeks, 12 homes are hosting dinners for the purpose of visioning St. Andrew's future. Some homes still have space available; the Vestry will encourage sign ups. The Vestry reviewed the dinner discussion questions; these will be distributed in advance via email and the bulletin; answers will be collected in a manner that is comfortable to the facilitators during the dinners and then formally entered by the facilitator via an electronic survey. Following the dinners a parish-wide retreat will be held to summarize the feedback from the dinners.

Finance Committee Statement (S. Domienik)

Suggestions from finance committee were reviewed and will be included in parish communications (bulletin insert this Sunday and in October Messenger) to provide the parish with a budget update.

Personnel Policy Manual (S. Domienik)

The Personnel Committee has provided a draft of a personnel policy manual. The Vestry will review the manual for future approval.

Fall Stewardship Campaign (S. Domienik)

A faith-based pledging approach will continue: pledge cards will be distributed for all parishioners to complete; the cards will be collected during the offertory and then burned with a prayer, not recorded.

September 23 and 30 - three parishioners will offer personal reflections on stewardship during worship.

October 20 - letter will be mailed to the parish that has been drafted by the Stewardship Committee

October 21 - Steve will deliver a related sermon

November 3 - a parish-wide retreat followed by Eucharist will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

November 4 - an adult forum on the spirituality of money will be held following a combined service

November 11 – pledge cards will be collected and burned during worship services

Approval of August Minutes (B. Naegel)

Motion: A motion was made (Joan Fisler/Olivia Scaros) to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously approved and carries.

Treasurer's Report (C. Golden)

Motion: A motion was made (Chris Abbott/Margaret Mason) to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was unanimously approved and carries.

Summary of report

Income: \$22,737.83

Expenses: \$27,008.38

Loss: (\$4,270.55)

Funds Update (G. Gregory)

A list of all of the funds is being compiled so that we have a better understanding of the amount of money in each one and can provide for improved oversight to ensure that they are used for their intended purpose.

Closing (Steve)

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting (Joan Fisler/Sue McCann). The motion was unanimously approved and carries.

The meeting closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lee Naegel
Vestry Member

Next meeting : October 16, 7 p.m.

