

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

7:00 pm, Farmer Hall

Attendees: Rev. Steven Domienik, Chris Abbott, Geoff Gregory, Margaret Mason, Olivia Scaros, Jamie Polk, Sue McCann, and Joe Milner

Missing: Joan Fisler, Cathy Golden, Ben Hoffman, Brenda Naegel and Nick Rawlings

Guest: None

Opening Prayer

Steve

Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee is meeting Saturday, December 22 at 1:00 pm. The annual meeting will be January 27.

Building and Grounds:

Building and Grounds Committee met and cooking on the kitchen is suspended due to the alarms going off during the Holiday Fair. There is a quick fix from Knight Bridge in Branford of a black box which would cost between \$800-\$1200 but would make us a commercial kitchen. Things can be boiled in the kitchen now but not fried. Dick Johansen is looking into the matter.

Glenn Stewart is also looking into a ramp for the Memorial Garden and getting an estimate.

Holiday Fair:

The Holiday Fair had a gross income of \$10,500 and netted approximately \$8500.

Monthly check-in:

Egg breakfast sold out and made \$750.

Safety:

Steve met with Judy regarding the safety of the children in the building after the Newtown shootings. The door near the playground will be locked immediately after drop-off. Teachers and staff have an emergency plan which Judy will retrain them on. Allan Miller is getting an estimate on a buzzer for the front doors. Geoff reported that Ben Hoffman had raised some questions about how St. Andrew's might be able to respond in the future to any local or national tragedies, e.g., opening the church up for prayer or joining with other congregations. Geoff stated that Ben had offered to chair a committee to investigate such options if the vestry thought it was worthwhile to pursue. The vestry considered this suggestion and asked Geoff to contact Ben and encourage him to follow-up on his proposal.

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Steve

Motion to approve November's Minutes (Joe/Chris)

Approved with minor corrections

Treasurer's Report

Geoff

There was a surplus of \$6700, which was not just controlling expenses, as pledges were increased to \$24,353. YTD deficit was \$13,000.

Motion to approve Treasurer's November Report (Joe/Sue)

Approved Unanimously

Budget approval:

The vestry reinstated 3 line items that were zeroed out in the proposed budget that was sent out to the parish in October.

- 1) Outreach was given \$4000. Outreach will be in transition next year with the loss of Serendipity. Steve and Geoff will meet with Rich Fisler to discuss.
- 2) Clergy professional expenses and continuing education expenses that totaled \$5000 were added back in. This is a contractual agreement with the rector.
- 3) Increase the pledge amount from \$246,000 by \$9000 to \$255,000.
Supply clergy: Add \$1500 back into the budget later in 2013 if the money is available. The budget will be presented at the annual meeting at the end of January.

Motion to approve the Budget (Joe/Margaret)

Approved Unanimously

Parish survey:

Two draft surveys were presented. The survey is to be sent to every adult person with teenagers filling one out if the parents felt they should. It was decided that a Yes/No format was easiest for people to fill out. The survey will be sent out shortly after the New Year.

Closing Prayer

Steve

Our January meeting will be on January 15th.

Motion to Adjourn Approved – Adjourn at 9:05 pm.