

Vestry Minutes – Church of Our Redeemer

Wednesday, April 15, 2009 – 7:30 PM

The meeting was held in the Handley Library at the Church of Our Redeemer.

Attendance: Connie Parrish (Sr. Warden), Dinesh Dulipsingh (Treasurer), Janet Kern (Clerk), Randy Bowlby, Sandra Keshishian, Peter Lund, Jack Manes, Katherine Mirani, The Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons

Absent: Erica Brotschi, Jed Geyerhahn, George Murnaghan (Jr. Warden), Lindsay Koso

The meeting opened at 7:35 pm with prayer by Sabeth.

Approval of Vestry Minutes – A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the vestry meeting on April 1, 2009. No Discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Treasurer position: A MOTION was made and seconded “to appoint Suresh Reginald and Jim Neumann to share the Assistant Treasurer position as provided in the by-laws with a term to be co-terminous with the Treasurer.” Discussion noted that the by-laws indicate that the Assistant Treasurer has a “seat and voice” on vestry. The motion passed unanimously. It was the consensus of the vestry that Suresh and Jim would be given the option to exercise the seat and voice of the position as they see fit, including given the choice to be on the official vestry email list.

Appointment of Audit Committee: A MOTION was made and seconded that “Peter Koso, Allen Olsen, and Charlie Coons be appointed as members of the 2008 Audit Committee” Discussion included asking whether or not we are considering in the future paying an outside consultant to do a more independent audit. Dinesh indicated that he would take that question to Finance Committee. The MOTION passed unanimously.

Vestry Commissioning: A decision was made to have the vestry commissioning during the 9:30 am service on April 26, 2009, even though not all vestry would be able to be there.

Priest-in-Charge Conversation: Connie and George had provided a document for review prior to the meeting that summarized the different processes and options for a parish in moving to a new rector, namely Priest-in-Charge vs. Interim/Search Committee. After discussion of the options, the vestry came to consensus that the parish is not prepared to go through the search process at this time – and therefore that we should move forward with a Priest-in-Charge. Janet agreed to send a communication out to the parish as part of the email announcements, and to make that same communication available in printed form at the church.

Discussion then moved to the next step being for the diocese to recommend a Priest-in-Charge candidate for August or September. In fact, in anticipation of the priest-in-charge decision by the vestry, the wardens had already been presented with a candidate and had had the opportunity to meet her themselves. A decision was made for the vestry to meet her at the next vestry meeting on May 6th.

Forum Update: Decision was made to schedule two parish forums for continuing conversation regarding the rector transition and events at Annual Meeting. Dates were set for April 26 at Adult Ed time and May 3 at a time TBD. Janet agreed to draft notice about upcoming forums and place it in the printed announcements (given that Emma was on vacation) and the email announcements.

Communications Committee: Janet had provided a proposal prior to the meeting for the establishment of a Communications Committee. A MOTION was made and seconded to establish a Communications Committee according to the proposal. Discussion included clarifying that the committee would have oversight and editorial authority for key parish communications, including the Redeeming Features newsletter. The motion passed with one abstention.

Opportunities – Volunteer Requests

- **Great Hall Rental Policy:** It was noted that we need the rental policy for the Great Hall needs to be updated. Peter offered to work on that.
- **Confirmation:** Sabeth asked for another adult to work with her and the current confirmation class from 4 – 5:30 on most Sundays until the end of May. Jack and Sandy both offered to help.
- **Committee Information Update:** Connie asked for a volunteer to pull together lists of standing committees along with meeting times and committee chair contact info. No volunteers were forthcoming.

Acknowledgements/ Thanks from the Vestry

Because there were so many people to thank for all the services from Holy Week through Easter, Sandy offered to have a “Thank You” poster made listing all the names. Janet offered to pull the names from the service sheets and provide a list of all who served on liturgy team(s) for each service, etc.

Reminder of Important dates:

- Patriots’ Day Pancake Breakfast, Monday April 21
- Forum (1st), Sunday, April 26
- Forum (2nd), Sunday, May 3 (tentative)
- Youth Sunday – May 3
- Vestry Meeting, Wednesday, May 6
- SAFE CHURCH TRAINING at Epiphany, Winchester, Saturday, May 16
(REGISTRATION CLOSES BY MAY 2)
- May 17 – Recognition Sunday

The meeting closed with a prayer offered by Peter.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

After the meeting, Connie led vestry members through a “locking up” tour of the church building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Kern, Clerk of the Vestry