

## **Vestry Minutes—Church of Our Redeemer**

Wednesday, June 3, 2009 – 7:30 pm

Handley Library, Church of Our Redeemer

**Attendance:** Connie Parrish (Sr. Warden), George Murnaghan (Jr. Warden), Dinesh Dulipsingh (Treasurer), Janet Kern (Clerk), Jim Neumann (Assistant Treasurer), The Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons, Randy Bowlby, Jed Geyerhahn, Sandra Keshishian, Jack Manes, Katherine Mirani, Peter Lund.

Absent: Erica Brotschi, Lindsay Koso.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Connie Parrish; Sabeth opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Approval of Minutes:** A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the Vestry meeting May 20, 2009. There were no changes or amendments. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Finances** (Dinesh): We will have our next Financial report in two weeks at June 17 meeting.

*Cleaning services:* as of June 1, new contract with cleaning service will have \$300/mo savings.

*Credit Card Policy:* A new policy has been established that will incorporate tracking expenses and what accounting practices need to occur. Wardens will determine who have and use the credit cards. A MOTION was made and seconded to accept the policy as written. Discussion included whether rector would have any authority provided by canons or by-laws regarding the credit card. It was determined that if so, this could be revised/amended any time. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Summer Supply Clergy:** A MOTION was made and seconded to pay The Rev. Ted Gaiser the normal supply clergy rate for presiding over two Morning Prayer Sunday services this summer. The motion was approved unanimously.

**J2A Pilgrimage:** Funding plan initially was 1/3 family, 1/3 fundraising, 1/3 parish contribution. Total needed for the trip is almost \$12 K. Families are paying for 1/3, approximately \$4K. Fundraising has been more successful than anticipated, close to \$6400, vs. \$4K. "Thanks to J2A's very successful fundraising efforts, the church's cost share was reduced from \$4000 to \$1571.69, to be paid from the Youth Ministries fund." A MOTION was made and seconded to expend up to \$1750 above and beyond monies already deposited from fundraising and families' contribution from the Youth Ministries Fund to pay the balance of the J2A Pilgrimage expenses. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Rental Policy update**

Peter shared rental policy that has been updated and distinguishes between contributions from members versus rental rates established for those outside the parish.

A MOTION to approve fee schedule as shared with vestry was made, seconded and approved unanimously. Peter also indicated that a draft rental contract will be presented at the next vestry meeting.

### **Midsummer's Labyrinth Walk**

Sabeth had an idea that the summer solstice (midsummer's night) is often used as an opportunity to celebrate in various cultures. She would like to hold an informal offering of a labyrinth walk for the wider community. We agreed on Sunday, June 21 from 7:30 – 9:00 pm. Several vestry members offered to help, including Janet Kern and Jack Manes.

Idea for walk/ride/carpool to church on a Sunday. Will follow up over email.

#### **Nursery –Part 1 (Jack & Sabeth)**

Jack and Sabeth had a recent review with nursery caregivers regarding keeping regular hours. Future conversations (Part 2) will include: 1. nursery vision – where/how does it fit in with our church parish life? 2. What sort of policies do we need? It was recommended that we address these issues over the summer so that we can start fresh in the fall with new vision and policies, if necessary.

There was a suggestion that we have a facilitated meeting late June/early July with those who use the nursery to get some feedback and ideas .

**Calendar:** Connie requested that vestry members send dates that they can attend vestry meetings in July and August.

June 14 and July 5 are dates for Morning Prayer Sunday services

#### **Acknowledgements**

Joan Charlton and Joyce and Eric Dufault for making the Confirmation reception such a success

#### **Priest-in-Charge Covenant of Ministry (George & Jim)**

The Vestry went into Executive Session in order to discuss the Letter of Agreement for the Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Kate Ekrem. A MOTION to adjust offer to include additional recommendations was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Closing Prayer**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm with a prayer by Connie Parrish.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Kern, Clerk