

Vestry Minutes—Church of Our Redeemer

Wednesday, June 17, 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), Randy Bowlby, Jed Geyerhahn, Sandra Keshishian, Jack Manes, Lindsay Koso.

Absent: Erica Brotschi, Peter Lund, Katherine Mirani, The Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Connie Parrish; Connie then opened the meeting with a prayer “for the strength of our work together” written by Mary Ucci. Each vestry member then offered a “check-in” and individual prayers.

Approval of Minutes: A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the Vestry meeting June 3, 2009. There were no changes or amendments. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report (Dinesh): Currently, we are above the “straight-line” budgeting for Revenue vs. Expense, which is good, but there are some concerns: Suresh has been tasked with audit of office supplies budget, which is currently 120% over budget. Major programs should not be charging to office supplies. Snowplowing expense is also 172% over budget. Flowers and Garden supplies are over budget due to Easter expenses. There was some discussion about the water bill and whether auditing water usage is possible.

MOTION to accept Treasurer’s report was made and seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Special Request: A MOTION was made and seconded to grant permission to the Bowlbys to serve alcoholic beverages in the Great Hall at their party on July 11 . The motion was approved with one abstention.

Priest-in-Charge Covenant of Ministry

Conversation about new covenant

MOTION was made and seconded to accept the Covenant of Ministry as drafted for The Rev. Kate Ekrem. The motion was approved unanimously.

Nursery –Part 2 – detailed discussion postponed until next meeting

Jack would like to have a meeting with parents to talk about the Nursery.

A MOTION was made and seconded to form a Nursery committee per the description provided by Jack Manes in Nursery Report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Fall Vestry Retreat

A date has been established on the calendar: Saturday, September 12 Suggestions for a facilitator were solicited.

A series of workshops entitled “Building Strong Leadership Teams” is being offered a Thursday in July 1pm – 5pm. Vestry members were invited.

Welcoming Kate

The vestry discussed logistics and ideas for welcoming Kate in August.

- Office Painting needs to be done.
- Something after church on first Sunday: the vestry decided that we would try to have an all-parish breakfast. Still need volunteer(s) to organize; Connie will be away.
- First vestry meeting with Kate – Aug 5 – potluck?
- Summer home worship at Coopers on July 29 is potluck @ 6pm; (people could bring dessert)

Acknowledgements/Thanks from the Vestry

To Alan Kalf for taking trees that were left by the contractor from replacement in the memorial garden.

To Jim Neumann, Jack Manes and George Murnaghan for their work drafting the Covenant of Ministry for The Rev. Kate Ekrem.

Closing Prayer

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm with a prayer by Jack Manes.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Kern, Clerk