

Vestry Minutes—Church of Our Redeemer

Wednesday, September 16, 2009 – 7:30 pm

Handley Library, Church of Our Redeemer

Attendance: The Rev. Kate Ekrem (Priest-in-Charge), Connie Parrish (Sr. Warden), George Murnaghan (Jr. Warden), Dinesh Dulipsingh (Treasurer), Janet Kern (Clerk), Randy Bowlby, The Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons, Jed Geyerhahn, Sandra Keshishian, Lindsay Koso, Jack Manes .

Absent: Erica Brotschi, Peter Lund, Katherine Mirani.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Connie Parrish; Janet then opened the meeting with prayers around the small finger labyrinth.

Approval of Minutes:

A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the Vestry meeting of August 19, 2009. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed having been emailed in advance to the Vestry. Dinesh noted that income at this time should be around 67% for all major areas and it is in line with that expectation. On the expense side, Property expenses are already at 100% due to snowplowing as well as some additional unanticipated rectory expenses. On track with utilities.

A MOTION to accept with Thanks to the Treasurer was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

13th Month Update

Dinesh said that 7 pledging units have given to date, and asked all vestry members to contribute, especially given that it is a vestry initiative.

2010 Budget Process

Dinesh had previously shared via email the letter he has prepared to Budget owners. It includes an overview, instructions and a schedule for vestry review of each of the budget areas. The vestry reviewed the letter, suggested that the time include closing the loop with budget managers after the vestry final vote, with individual meetings, if necessary to provide support and information for the budget managers for the year. The vestry thanked Dinesh for all the work up to this point.

Audit Committee Report

Dinesh had previously shared via email the 2008 Audit Committee Report. The vestry took time to review the report and confirmed the items that still remain to be completed according to the report.

MOTION made and seconded to accept Report of the Audit Committee for the 2008 Audit. Passed unanimously.

Vote on Steeple Painting

Connie explained that last year, vestry agreed that if there were any capital projects, they would have to come out of the capital fund. The Property Committee has determined that the steeple needs to be painted. Therefore, a MOTION was made and seconded to approve an expenditure of up to \$40,000 from the capital fund to spend on capital projects. Approved unanimously.

Sabeth's Report

Sabeth gave a summary of the adult and children's formation programs.

Google the "Advent Conspiracy" to find out about the first adult program that we'll have this Fall (in Advent); Youth Group has started; Journey to Adulthood program will have a number of adult leaders attending training this weekend. J2A and YAC likely have leaders. However, the Rite-13 group does not yet have adult leaders. Atrium teachers are covered. All of the children and youth programs are "busting out at the seams"; however we are short

on meeting space. Sabeth is investigating portable classrooms. Also, we will be requesting a CORI report for all church members. Only Kate will see the report.

Follow-up on Nursery: Safe Church policy at the nursery level - Sabeth hopes this will lead to a safe church ; Agreement has been made for this year for Nursery providers Kathy and Elaine (from last year).

Also, FYI Sabeth will be re-working her letter of agreement with Kate.
Sabeth was thanked for her work at this busy start of the program year.

Vestry Covenant follow up

Connie asked for a volunteer to take a crack at turning the notes from our covenant into a statement. George volunteered.

Endowment request from music committee

Because the Music Committee had been advised to request funds from Endowment for the special Advent Service, MOTION made and seconded to accept the recommendation from Endowment Committee to expend \$1000 of the \$1350 requested from the Music Committee. Discussion included...Passed unanimously.

Stewardship

Connie asked that all vestry members provide recommendations for 1 facilitator, scribe and a recommendation for host, and how each vestry member is willing to be involved.

Meetings will not be about money, but will be about hopes and dreams for Redeemer.

Sandy, George and Jack offered to facilitate. George and Janet offered to host. Connie offered to scribe at any number of meetings.

Preparation for Bishop's visit

Kate asked members of the vestry to review the Vitality, Viability and Mutuality document and send Kate an email with our thoughts by next vestry meeting on 10/7.

Vestry liaisons

Kate asked that vestry members let her know which committees they are vestry liaisons to, and then begin to prepare for about 2 committees per month to report to vestry

Write-ups for Nominating Committee

Janet asked that members send a few sentences describing vestry service from their perspective.

Acknowledgements

- to the audit committee (Peter Koso, Allen Olsen, Charlie Coons) – very complete and timely.

- to those who worked on the Ministry Fair and the cookout on Sunday. – Men's group, Paula Antonevich coordinated , Debbie LeBlanc

Closing

Night Prayer in the New Zealand Prayer Book was said to complete our meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Kern, Clerk

