

Vestry Meeting 3-1-10 – INTENDED FORM

Attending: Fr. Steve, Joe Carruthers, Milt Price, Cam Hines, Tom White, John Guglielmi, Beth Morphis, Alice Elsner, Amy Mann

Opening Prayer, Dinner

Call to Order: Fr. Steve opened with a **short discussion** of his meeting with the bishop today. “What will the church look like in 20 years” was the subject. Where is the church going, is it good or is it bad? Fr. Steve read a passage from Matthew's gospel, story of the resurrection. Christ represents the future. Matthew says go to Galilee where Christ is. Keep the big thing, the big thing, the main thing the main thing. Always keep going towards where Jesus is.

What are the church's needs, the true needs? Are they Gospel based needs?

Who is our parish? John Wesley said “the world is my parish”. We need to keep looking beyond our doors. As people come in we should nurture them, instead of being a “chaplancy”.

Old Business: A motion was made to accept the 2/17 Emailed minutes—approved.

The vestry signed the canonical endorsement of David Rose to be a candidate for Holy Orders.

Bob McGee contractual agreement needs to be re-worded per request by Canon Michael Hunn. We will look at it at the next vestry meeting. A motion was made to move the Wednesday offering from the deacon's discretionary fund to the assistant to the rector's discretionary fund. Motion seconded and approved.

Parochial Report: Our numbers show the total active baptized members to be 905. Other who are active and not members, 447. Motion to accept the report was seconded and passed.

Proposed **classroom consolidation construction.** We have money in the budget (assistant to the rector's salary line item- unused) to remove the wall between D-1 and D-2, enlarging the youth room. Presently they are meeting on the stage in Drake Hall. Bob Piper has done up an estimate for the materials, and will donate labor. Work will begin as early as this Friday, March 5th. Motion to accept the proposal is seconded and approved.

Nighttime Lockup Discussion: It was proposed that we hire Bobby Steinhauser to do the **nighttime lockup.** Pay would be \$70/week, as a separate line item on his paycheck. Fr. Steve will ask Cathy to come up with a checklist for the lockup person. Milt will double check the list. Money comes from assistant to the rector's salary line item-unused). Motion made, seconded, approved.

We need to add one more person to the **Legacy Fund Committee**. The vestry approved adding Paul Shepard.

Gray Moulton was accepted to replace Amy Mann on the **Evangelism Commission**.

Chapel Stained Glass Window Project Proposal discussion. Tony Hamby proposes that we mail out a letter to everyone asking for donations regarding making the 3 chapel windows visible again. The letter would be signed by Tony; it calls for a full professional restoration of the three quite valuable windows; it calls for a reworking of the wall behind the altar to make those windows once again visible within the chapel; and comments that the windows are currently in danger of falling out of their frames due to deterioration. The draft of Tony's letter was read and approved. Church will provide the postage for the mailing.

Fr. Steve: **Discussion on how can we discern our role as a vestry**

Discussion on Vestry Responsibilities, General Responsibilities, Responsibilities of Individual Vestry members, leadership being Team Work.

What would we like to see as a body—what is our mission? We **do** tend to get involved in monthly, short term goals. Where are we, should we do quarterly review of our mission/goals? We should rise up from too much detail to focus on the grander, long term direction of the parish.

Fr. Steve would like quarterly do an outreach project together. Example, the participation at the Samaritan Inn. Also we need to play together and not always take ourselves so seriously. Take for example vestry/staff tubing trip last year.

Structure Discussion Vestry Liaison – person who shares information back and forth. Is this position still needed in its present form? Can our structure be adjusted to encourage more cross sharing of ideas and ministries among vestry members?

Milt requested that a vestry member be assigned to work with him in the Parish Life Ministry, so that a current vestry member would be familiar with the workings of Parish Life. He also stated that some of the elements under Parish Life were working independently, with leadership in place and working well.

Milt also wanted to make note of the terrific job that the previous junior warden, Anne Hester had done with Buildings and Grounds. He also wanted to point out that in deciding the responsibilities of the vestry we keep in mind that “everybody's responsibility is nobody's responsibility”.

We will re-visit our vestry structure at the next meeting. For this month, we will insure we have vestry representation at each commission meeting. Beth will e-mail a list of meetings, and members will choose what they would like to attend. We will all focus on Parish Life this month.

Joe made a motion that we appoint Amy Mann as our Junior Warden. Motion agreed upon, passed.

Next Vestry meeting date to be decided by EMail.

Closing Prayer