

Vestry Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2014

Attendance:

- Mike Stitt, DottySue Ott, Mike Rhodes, Bill Gawors, Linda Hoffman, Christine Luo, Beth Hagan, Andy Smeltz, Mother Barbara, And Cindy Stitt.

Opening Prayer:

Andy Smeltz

Approval of May Minutes:

- Minutes were emailed to all members earlier for review. Bill and Barbara mentioned they did not receive the minutes from last month. Asked if DottySue could please email them again.

Action to approve was moved by Linda and seconded by Bill.

Treasurer's Report:

- The report was handed out to all members who were at the meeting.
 - a. Cindy explained what reports she ran and why. Also what all the reports and their figures.
 - b. Cindy explained what she now has access to and what accounts have restrictions.
 - c. Barbara complimented Cindy on the terrific job she has done as the Treasurer in such a short time and all the members of the Vestry agreed with an applause to Cindy.
 - d. Cindy mentioned Phyllis from the Orrstown Bank would be willing to come to a Vestry meeting to explain our accounts and how they work.
 - e. She then explained one gas bill and the reason why it was so high and that the problem has been resolved.
 - f. Cindy wanted to let all Committee chairs know that she would eventually like to give them monthly statements to notify them of their committee balances.
 - g. Cindy mentioned a Quick Books expert that is willing to meet with her and help her understand certain parts of the program that she is unsure of. She asked the Vestry of their input on this matter. All Vestry members agreed after a small

discussion that it would be a benefit to have Cindy meet with the expert. Mike Rhodes motioned for a move to have Cindy meet with the Quick Books expert. Everyone agreed.

- h. Cindy mentioned about a back-up system for our financial records. Mike Rhodes then explained different solutions we could take and how they work as well as some prices. Action for a motion to approve for the back-up system by Andy, 2nd by Bill.

Parochial Report Approval:

- Action for a motion by Bill.
- 2nd by Linda

Reports:

- a. **Rector:** Barbara
Sent report via email
Explained her report a little more.
- b. **Curate:** Betsy
Sent report via email
- c. **Verger:** Mike Stitt
Nothing to report at this time.
- d. **Building & Grounds:** Mike Stitt
Mike explained the back-up lights and exit signs are being changed. Also the new cleaning crew are working a little at a time and the results will be seen in time.
- e. **Outreach:** Beth
Sent report via email
Explained the report and events that are being planned. Also when the committee met. Mike Rhodes mentioned we do not have Outreach on our website and said it would be a good idea to put the events and dates on our website.
- f. **Others:** Christine Luo

Children's Committee:

Christine handed out a report and explained the report in detail.

- Barbara mentioned about making a job description for the Children's Music Program.
- Christine then explained the new curricula and mentioned the plans for the new soft corner for the small children and expecting moms of the parish. Barbara mentioned Lisa O'Donnell's husband was willing to make the shelves for the soft space to cut a little of the cost and Christine

mentioned with him doing them the total cost of the corner should be about \$1,000 - \$2,000.

- Christine explained the Godly Play Groups and how they were broken down into age groups also the times they would be meeting on Sundays this coming fall.
- Mike Rhodes mentioned Barbara putting something in the weekly newsletter about Godly Play needing more Door Keeper's

Sharing on the Vestry Retreat: Barbara

- a. Linda explained our Mission Statement and that Jim Smith brought up about changing some of the words around. Also explained some ideas about what we could do with the Mission Statement.
- b. Mike Rhodes went over the Wish List. Andy spoke briefly about a Coffee Shop Café for meetings being held after Sunday services and coffee hour. He went over about how it might work, members then went over some of the pros and cons on the idea.

Additional Areas for Development: Mike Rhodes & Barbara

- a. **Stewardship/Annual Giving Campaign:** David, Andrew, Bill, and Jim
- b. **Invite/Welcome/Connect-Ministry to Newcomers:** Mike R., Beth, Jennifer, and David
Beth mentioned the different items and pricing for those items.
- c. **Women's Healing Retreat Planning:** Penny, Kristina
- d. **Ongoing Spiritual Formation Program:** Linda and Andrew
Barbara mentioned the upcoming Taize service that is being planned.

Decisions to be made (or considered):

- a. **Gerald Weale salary-** Barbara mentioned the difference in his salary compared to Annie's and also explained what would be expected of him. She also mentioned that he would be willing to start as soon as next Sunday. Action for a motion to approve Gerald's salary by Andy, 2nd by Beth, and 3rd by Bill.
- b. **Soft Space Expense-** this was discussed earlier in the meeting with Christine Luo present.

Diocesan Convention Resolution: Same-Sex Marriage Equality

- a. Barbara explained about how the decisions may affect our parish, what our parish could do and also the pros and cons meant for us as a whole church. She

also mentioned about a previous Vestry meeting were 75% were for and 25% was opposed Same-Sex Marriages. She wanted to know how we as a vestry felt and thought that possibly more education on this matter needed to be presented.

- b. She then mentioned about possibly having something this fall and spoke a little more in detail how some members felt and what it would mean to them. Discussed different ideas what we as a Vestry could do, it was brought up about possibly doing a survey for the parish to take part in like we had done in the past for input on a new Organist. It was decided at this time we needed to discuss this later when the Diocese made a decision.

Parish Reflection:

- a. What were the highlights of the past month?
Some members mentioned the Vestry Retreat and some of the special events that happened during the retreat.
- b. Where did you feel God's presence?
The Vestry Retreat and Eucharist Ministry Retreat was mentioned. Cindy mentioned when the check reconciliation finally got to a small amount in difference.
- c. What concerns or questions do you have or have heard from others?
Andy mentioned about doing a special day to weed because, Mike Rhodes had mentioned about the flower beds in front of the church looking bad. There was some discussion about having problems with a parishioners' concerns on the church and how it's being handled.

Next Meeting:

- ❖ Barbara mentioned having a meeting sometime in July the date will be emailed to Vestry members.

Closing Prayer:

Barbara

Meeting Adjourned: 2:13 pm