

Vestry Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2014

Attendance:

- Vic Karcher, Mike Rhodes, Cindy Stitt, Bill Gawors, DottySue Ott, Beth Hagan, Linda Hoffman, Mike Stitt, Mother Barbara, Mother Betsy, Andy Smeltz, Jennifer Morehouse, and David Luo

Opening Prayer:

Mother Betsy

Approval of June Minutes:

- Vic talked about approving the minutes online before the meeting and asked Mike Rhodes how it looked so far Mike mentioned that it was going well. It was decided that we would continue with approving online.
 - ❖ Vic asked for a motion to approve the minutes.
Linda motioned and Bill 2nd and the Vestry then said I to approve.

Report – Questions/Discussion:

- a. Treasurer's Report
 - ❖ Cindy explained her report and mentioned what some of the line items were. She mentioned about the Quick Books expert and how things were going & what she has been doing with the balances. She also went over some of the bills & what she has found out & what she thinks needs to be done with them. We discussed some ways that we may use to cut down on the copies of the bulletin run every week through the summer.
 - ❖ Linda asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report
Beth motioned and Bill 2nd and the Vestry then said I to approve. .
- b. Finance Committee Report/Recommendation
 - i. **CD's – reinvestment of Funds**

David explained how some of the investments should work and some pros and cons on investing he suggested we make a decision on what we want to do, and recommended we revisit this issue in a later meeting.

ii. **Website/Computer Network Expenditures**

Mike Rhodes explained how the computers are not working properly now and how we as a parish would benefit with properly functioning computers he also explained the cost, he mentioned Cindy found a grant from the Dioceses that we could use to purchase the computers. Cindy explained how the grant would work and mentioned that we as the Vestry needed to vote.

- ❖ Vic asked for a motion to approve using the Grant
Andy motioned Mike Rhodes 2nd and the Vestry then said I to approve.

iii. **Home Heroes**

Barbara explained what the program was and how it will work.

iv. **Children/Youth Choir Director**

Vic explained the requirements for the Director, also mentioned asking Trinity to come to a service with their bells so the Parish could see how the bells would work during a service. Mentioned different ways we could pay for the bells or chimes. Jennifer asked what kind of investment we would be looking at for the bells. Vic & Barbara explained some prices and said they would look up some other prices and get the information back to us.

- ❖ Vic asked for a motion to approve.
Betsy motioned Bill 2nd and the Vestry then said I to approve.

c. Rector's Report

Barbara sent the report via email earlier.

Thanked everyone for giving her and Betsy the opportunity to have some time off. No one had any questioned on her report.

- ❖ Vic asked for a motion to approve the report
Mike Rhodes motioned Bill 2nd and the Vestry then said I to approve.

d. Curate's Report

Betsy sent the report via email earlier.

No one had questions on the report.

- ❖ Vic asked for a motion to approve the report
Mike Rhodes motioned Linda 2nd and the Vestry then said I to approve.

e. Building & Grounds Report

Mike Stitt sent the report via email earlier.

He discussed how well the mulch look around the church mentioned people in the community had told him how nice it looked. Everyone agreed. Mentioned some other ways of improving the outside of the church and making it more welcoming to the community with signs to draw in new members. Cindy mentioned a previous special meeting we had and we approved to vote for weeding for the rest of the summer. Mike Stitt mentioned that the mulch has been treated to keeps weeds down and the landscaping crew suggested we get it treated every 3 months. Jennifer asked about the furniture in the Nursery and what was going to happen to it since we were doing away with it for a godly Play class room. Mike said at this time he was not sure because we simply do not have any extra space for storage her at the church anymore he mentioned may be getting a storage unit for items that we may use in the future.

❖ The soft space was then mentioned and it was brought to the attention of the Vestry that there were some members of the Parish that did not like the idea of having a soft space, it was then discussed at this time about the approval of the soft space in this discussion we figured out that the soft space was to be funded for a line item in the budget from the Children's Program.

f. Verger's Report

Mike Stitt sent the report via email earlier.

g. Outreach Report

Beth mentioned the carnival was a success and Betsy mentioned about someone from the Committee dinner volunteering to come and help and did show up to help with a craft.

h. Adult Formation Report

Andy discussed how the program is working and some ideas they were discussing.

i. Safeguarding Policy Brochure for Parents

Barbara discussed the brochure & how it will be used. She then asked all the vestry members to sign it to show the parents that we as a vestry are behind the program.

j. Education for Ministry (EFM)

Vic mentioned we did not have enough support, but Lisa Turchi will be going to the class. Also mentioned hoping to be starting this program sometime in the fall. Discussed plans & ideas.

- ❖ Vic asked for a motion to approve all reports
Mike Rhodes motioned Bill 2nd and the Vestry then said I to approve.

Focus Group Reports:

- a. **Stewardship**
Barbara handed out a report & discussed the ideas and plans that were mentioned at the meeting.
- b. **Adult On-going Spiritual Formation**
Andy mentioned he did not have anything at this time.
- c. **Women's Healing Retreat**
Betsy discussed the meeting and the hand out along with the ideas & plans that came from the meeting. She also explained some things that were available during the retreat.
- d. **Welcoming/newcomers**
Mike Rhodes and Jennifer discussed the ideas they came up with at their meeting also showed some samples and some pricing along with some ways that the pricing could be reduced. Linda mentioned some other ideas.

Vestry Administrative Groups:

- a. **Revision of By-Laws**
- b. **Nominating Committee**
- c. **Vestry Retreat 2015 Planning Group(Annual Meeting 2015 1/25; Retreat: 1/30 & 1/31)**
 - ❖ Vic mentioned sending out an email to vestry members about these groups they need to be formed so things can be planned and arrangements made.

Old Business:

- a. **Follow up from Vestry Retreat**
Betsy asked if there was a way that we could make a visual for the Vestry to see and follow the things that were discussed and planned to follow from the retreat, Linda suggested making a check list and putting in the center of the table for each meetings. Betsy said she would make one and present it for the next meeting.

Parish Reflection:

a. **What were the parish highlights of this past month?**

Mike Rhodes mentioned the Carnival. Barbara mentioned the Prayer Group.

b. **Where did you sense the presence of God?**

Barbara mentioned the Taize service, she also mentioned Ellen rose asking for the parish to pray along with the Healing Ministry for Janice Fritz in her journey. Betsy told everyone about the Trinity healing ministries service they have on Wednesday.

c. **What concerns or questions do you have?**

Mike Rhodes asked about the possibility of maybe doing a live nativity scene, it was discussed and decides that we would discuss it in a later meeting at more length. Jennifer told everyone about the experience her group had when preparing the menu for the Community Dinner. Mike Stitt asked if anyone had any concerns with the new cleaning crew, everyone mentioned that they were doing a great job and that they were already noticing some things that looked better and said their work was being notice by other parish members.

Upcoming Events:

a. **Community Fair Vesper Service; 7/20 @ 7:30pm**

Barbara mentioned she hoped to see some members there.

b. **Youth/Adult Discussion: Emergency Christianity – Sunday @ 9am**

It was mentioned that this group meets after the 8am service every Sunday

c. **THRIVE – 8/16**

d. **Safeguarding God's Children Training – 8/30 @ Trinity, Chambersburg**

Next Meeting:

- ❖ Vic mentioned email Vestry members with a date for the next meeting.

Closing Prayer:

Lord's Prayer was said by the Vestry

Meeting Adjourned: 1:15 pm