

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Vestry

Meeting Minutes – August 2015

I. Gathering and Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order at Jim Smith by 10:30 who opened with prayer.

Roll Call

<input type="checkbox"/>	The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson, Rector				
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Rev. Betsy Ivey, Curate				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Rev. Carenda Baker, Transitional Deacon				
		The Vestry			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Rhodes, Senior Warden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Morehouse, Junior Warden		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tom Briggs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shelbie D'Annibale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Melisa Dotson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bill Gawors	<input type="checkbox"/>	Beth Hagan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tim Hawkins
<input type="checkbox"/>	David Luo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Smith		

II. Formation Time

Time Started: 10:30	Allocated: 20	Leader: Mike Rhodes
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Reflection on their role in the vestry so far.

- Vestry has done a fantastic job of planning and following through with the things we wanted to do at the retreat.
- Mike feels he hasn't been as prepared as he wanted to for the meetings and will try to reprioritize.
- We need to work on the list of things that were identified at the retreat * * * *
- There is a big difference between the emphasis on productivity on the vestry this year from last year. Especially on servant-leadership.
- The forum has streamlined communication, meeting minutes
- Try to be less introverted
- Great job starting on the list
- Need to do more follow-through during the announcement time in church
- It's been a wonderful learning experience, especially the discussion process
- Everyone has matured in their leadership and willingness to engage
- We don't get much feedback from the laity
- Posting reports on the bulletin boards and the PLC

New Business

A. Outreach

Time Started: 10:40	Allocated: 10	Leader: Mike Rhodes
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Blessing of the Backpacks

We have 483 pencil cases. Mike suggested that we can use outreach funds to purchase the rest. Bill and Tom will coordinate with Memorial Lutheran to deliver the pencil cases on Monday. Mike Rhodes will purchase and get reimbursed.

Summer Lunch

Shelbie and her mom ran the group rather than pulling people in from the congregation. We need to determine way to encourage participation. Perhaps phone calls, emails to directly invite.

- Its part of vestry's role to identify gifts and encourage them to participate
- It helps to directly ask people and will be more effective than just broadcasting a request
- We should consider organizing a talent survey, tied with needs, as part of stewardship

Parish Hoedown

- More than 50 turned up, people had a good time
- Need to work on the microphone – it was hard to hear *
- The kids dress-up activity (by Lisa T) went really well
- I personally had a lot of fun. Loved the ice-breaker activity.
- Decoration were awesome *
- "Sin-buster" term was funny
- Food was tremendous * *
- It was great to see friends of community come *
- Need help cleaning up
- Maybe have a movie to help entertain the kids

Planning St. Andrew's Feast Day

The event will focus on St. Andrew – the saint and the town.

B. Youth Survey

Time Started: 11:00	Allocated: 10	Leader: Jim Smith
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The survey has been out for two weeks. There were 10 responses, out almost 20.

- People (both youth and parents) want children to meet once every two weeks
- Sundays are the overwhelming popular day of the week
- Young, responsible, charisma, with genuine interest in spiritual development of teenagers
- The only name given was Susan Briggs

A reminder email will be sent out this week.

C. Newcomer's Dinner / Foyer Dinner

Time Started: 11:05	Allocated: 10	Leader: Jennifer Morehouse
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The Newcomer's Dinner need to be scheduled. Many of them have families with little kids, and we should plan on one of the dinners to be at the church. Barbara took the list of people who are relatively new, and divided them up into three groups. There were be the three dinners, scheduled soon. The Morehouse's will hold the first one at their house.

The Foyer Dinners are getting a little stale. It's time for a change. Jennifer brought together a bunch of different ideas from people, and is proposed to reorganize into an "ABC" dinner – Appetizer – Beverage – Conversation. Everyone brings an appetizer and beverage of choice. Its just conversation, and all the host has to provide is cups, plates, napkins. There will be two groups, one for adults only, and one for families (parents and children together.)".

- Sounds like it's a good format. The Foyer's dinner were a big effort to host the dinner. Having something more simple and focused on the conversation will be better
- Getting to the root of the Foyer's dinner is to get to know people. Taking away the dinner aspect will make it easier on people.
- Having two groups will make it easier for families so they don't have to find baby sitters. Now the kids can be involved and get to know each other. * * *

Should there be some type of program – such as Compline?

- Some people go to be social
- Offer it as the end, and if people don't want to stay, they can leave
- Maybe just a short devotional piece, adds a dimension before just chit-chat *
- We do compline at the end of the vestry retreats, its not that long.
- Target 5-10 minutes in length

III. Reports

Time Started: 11:10	Allocated: 10	Leader: Mike Rhodes
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- Barbara, Betty Joe, and Melanie are almost complete getting the accounts together and reorganized into Quick Books
- Buildings and Grounds reports that the AC is almost done, and then the floors can be redone and repaint. Hopefully, it will be done in the next couple of weeks.
- Carenda reported that the Jubilee ministry has three people to work on it: Shelbie, Margaret, and Christina. The goal is for the application to be done by mid October.
- Jennifer reported that the PLC cabinet was reorganized and cleaned up. There is a list on the refrigerator to reorder supplies. The goal is to use up what we have before we buy more.

IV. Review of Action Items

Time Started: 11:23	Allocated:	Leader:
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- Mike Rhodes will purchase 17 pencil cases and get reimbursed.
- Talent survey integrated with the stewardship - commit to time/talent with the financial commitment cards.

V. Closing

Time Started: 11:34	Allocated: 3	Leader: Mother Carenda
Motion: Adjourn the Vestry meeting		
Proposed By: Mike Rhodes		Seconded: Tom Briggs
Vote: Unanimous, by acclamation		

Following a motion to adjourn, Carenda closed the meeting with prayer.