



Vestry Meeting – 7:00 PM – Jewett Hall –December 21, 2009

Present: Beverly Barry, Bud Burns, Vincent Cumbo, Jennifer Dietrich, Zoe Koston, Bob Meloon, Elaine Richau, Joe Spina

Others Present: The Rev. James Massie, Interim Rector; Leann McConchie, Deacon; Gregory Lodinsky, Treasurer; Charlene Gottfried, Debbie Wiesner, Libby Wilson, Nancy Cich

Meeting preceded by Eucharist and meal.

Welcome to new members – Charlene Gottfried, Debbie Wiesner, Greg Lodinsky, Zoe Koston

Farewell to retiring members – Janice Barber, Beverly Barry, Bud Burns, Bruce Aikman

Joe Spina read the Oct 31st group's response to the Vestry. Discussion followed.

1. **November Vestry Meeting Minutes: Motion** by Z. Koston to approve minutes with revisions. 2nd - J. Dietrich. **Passed**
2. **Treasurer's Report:** G. Lodinsky
 - a. Anticipated withdrawal this month from endowment due to higher than normal expenses
 - b. Anticipated rental income from dance studio
 - c. **Motion** by B. Barry to accept the Treasurer's Report. 2nd - E. Richau. **Passed**
 - d. **Proposed Budget – Motion** by Bob Meloon to reduce the amount allocated to “parish activities” in the proposed budget by the amount of \$750. Further moved to insert a line item after 5100 Education headed “Nursery Care” and assign the amount of \$750 to that item. 2nd - Z. Koston. **Passed**
 - e. **Proposed Budget – Motion** by Bob Meloon to accept the budget as amended. 2nd - Z. Koston. **Passed**

3. Interim Rector's Report

- a. Advent program with St. Philips with a discussion of a DVD about the slave trade was postponed and will meet for a 3rd time on January 16, 2010. About 25 people have attended previous meetings.
- b. Suggested that vestry members be installed at both services on 1/10/10.

4. Deacon's Report

- a. Leann to be involved with counseling at the Greater Buffalo Counseling Center as her ministry in the world.

Old Business

1. Music Committee

- a. Six applicants for music director, four potentials, at least three will have an interview
- b. Rector will be kept informed
- c. Questions will be given to candidates and they will be asked to play and to direct the choir through a piece.
- d. 1/2/10 – first candidate audition, 1/6/10 – second candidate audition will have to be rescheduled due to unavailability of rector
- e. Moving forward as quickly as possible
- f. **Motion** by E.Richau to allocate \$100 for two \$50 Borders Gift certificates for interim music directors, Julia Mount and Andrea Adema, as a token of appreciation for their volunteer service. Greg Lodinsky to procure gift cards. Presentation to be made at 1/3/10 10:30 service. **2nd** - Z. Koston.

2. Rectory Rehabilitation - G. Lodinsky

- a. Walls are stripped and primed
- b. Need choice of paint color for trim; wait for new rector

3. Sunday School/ Education - Bob Meloon

- a. Rev. Cathy Dempsey was contacted and has offered to have committee visit the cathedral and experience "Godly Play"

4. E.C.S. - Looking for a co-chair. E. Richau to approach S.Andrews.

5. Stewardship - J. Spina will no longer be on the committee. New committee members are needed.

6. Christmas and Easter Offering – **Motion** by J Spina to send Christmas offering to Meals on Wheels of WNY and to send Easter offering to Threads of Hope Linen Pantry. **2nd** – B. Meloon. **Passed.**

7. Annual Meeting – G. Lodinsky suggested that food be served in order to attract more members.

8. **Café** – possibility of floors being refinished by the city of Buffalo. Hope to have final lease for next meeting. Rental fee to be determined after a review of operations.

New Business

1. **Circulated schedule for vestry meeting meals.**
2. **No change in Vestry Meeting day at this time.**
3. **Unexpired term on Vestry** – Zoe Koston’s term is unexpired. Carol Burns (unsuccessful candidate from election) will be approached to complete remainder of term. Voted to appoint C. Burns.
4. **Position Description/Letter of Agreement** distributed for reading and review at next meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by B.Meloon. 2nd - J. Dietrich. **Passed** (9:10 PM)

Next Meeting: January 11, 2010. Zoe Koston, main dish; Bud Burns, salad; Bruce Aikman, bread & beverage; Leann McConchie, dessert.

Handouts Distributed: Treasurer’s Report/Finance Committee Report December 2009, November 2009 Income and Expense Report; Smith Barney Endowment Summary, Proposed 2010 Budget, Position Description, Letter of Agreement

Minutes Submitted by: Nancy Cich