

VESTRY MINUTES 6-15-09

Present: Rev. Jim Massey, Bruce Aikman, Joe Spina, Janice Barber, Bud Burns, Vince Cumbo, Zoe Koston, Jennifer Dietrich, Elaine Richau, Libby Wilson, Bev Barry (acting clerk for this meeting)

Excuse: Greg Lodinsky, Bob Meloon, Julie Spina

Vestry Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

Discussion regarding full time or part time rector. A Saturday meeting to be facilitated by Tory Duncan will occur. Surveys coming in, profile committee following up regarding remaining surveys not turned in, hoping to get at least 50. They are due by June 30th. Discussion about why people have not turned them in – busy, too personal to full out, may wish to complete privately vs. using computer, computer intimidation. When surveys are complete, vestry will receive comprehensive feedback about results, Daemon College has offered (Kathy Boone) to present data in meaningful manner. Survey reflects what congregation wants in a rector. This will reflect a small portion of the profile.

Wardens discussed possibility of having a vote tonight but, to honor the profile committee's wishes, vote will take place after surveys are in. Discussion about parishes currently sharing a covenant relationship. More discussion about details of diocese support/lack with Tory Duncan's departure from her current position. Discussion about taking a straw vote, non- bonding. Some comments about how we can be more intentional about inviting groups like AA, St. Mary's and others to our community. Maybe "customer retention" could be added to vestry agenda to follow up with members who have been absent.

Joe Spina suggested a brief outline of what we can put in place for evangelism. Follow up due next meeting (Libby Wilson and Bev Barry to spear head this group). More discussion about survey, which cannot be used if we elect to have a part time rector. Motion (J. Barber) to postpone vote for full time or part time rector until July meeting. Vote carried (1 oppose, 1 abstention).

Bud Burns moved to accept minutes. Janice Barber 2nd, Unanimously voted and carried.

Treasurers report- Budget review by Greg Lodinsky. Retirement issues are 75-80% resolved. Paying diocese monthly. Joe Spina moved to accept, Jennifer Dietrich 2nd, voted unanimously to accept.

Jim Massey read letter from Judy Breny regarding move to Lewiston to be Associate Priest at a parish. Ephphatha to make decision to either main stream into Good Shepherd or move to St. Peter's (Barbara Price) or other decision. Discussion to recognize Judy Breny's ministry, letter to be sent by wardens to accomplish this and inviting Ephphatha to join us, the decision is theirs but, they are welcome and we would love to have them.

Jim Massey stated that we were supposed to inform the diocese May 1st of the audit committee (Dorothy Pope, Tracy Sawicki, Patty Mertens).

Discussed possibility of a few minutes each Sunday to talk about history of Good Shepherd (by Libby Wilson). Zoe agreed to speak at 8am service.

Bruce Aikman reported on property committee. Attic windows for rectory have been ordered. Church roof repaired & inspected. Work on cottage done. (leaf guards) Nothing had to be special ordered. Greg Lodinsky repaired from lawn in time for Strawberry Festival. Need to discuss rectory repair next month. Bruce missed café meeting, Jim Massey attended. Café is moving along. Café to set up for garden tour June 28th. No bill for rendering of care has materialized/ Discussion of having some legal relationship between Good Shepherd and the Café. Do we need an attorney to represent us, the parish needs to have legal documentation between the 2 corporations, need to have insurance certificate if any work is performed at Good Shepherd.

Strawberry Festival – Do not have certificate to close street. Heather Lodinsky to acquire it from downtown offices. Items needed for gift baskets.

Stewardship- Committee has not met. Joe Spina has done preliminary work, after survey is done, work will resume. Discussion about financial advisors, to advise re: leaving Good Shepherd in our wills (great idea for shared ministries with other parishes) Joe Spina would like to see more vestry membership on the stewardship committee.

Evangelism- Libby attended diocesan workshop & got many resources that will help to implement in evangelism & revitalize & rejuvenate ministry.

ECS- Campaign stalled. Elaine will regroup & maybe do bake sale with youth to re-energize campaign. Updates in service leaflet, no new contributions, probably won't hit goal or focus more energy to reach goal.

New Business- Vestry-Bishops survey, Bruce distributed, due date is July 1st, requested we complete and submit.

St. John's Grace- vestry get together, discussed option, put off due to too many things in motion at Good Shepherd currently. Women's Group invitation & Strawberry Festival invite.

July Meeting- scheduled for July 13th, 6:30 pm Eucharist followed by meeting. Janice Barber commented that website looks good. Moved to Adjourn(J. Spina), 2nd (Z. Koston) Unanimously. Adjourned.