



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

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

Others Present: The Rev. James Massie, Interim Rector; Leann McConchie, Deacon; Gregory Lodinsky, Treasurer, Stephen Hart, Nelson Montgomery

Excused: Janice Barber, Libby Wilson

Meeting preceded by Eucharist and meal.

1. August Vestry Meeting Minutes Approval: **Motion:** B. Berry; **2nd:** E. Richau **Passed**
2. Treasurer's Report: G. Lodinsky
 - a. Lower salary amounts are keeping the budget within expectations
 - b. "We have maintained a positive cash balance since the early part of the year, we have withdrawn from the endowment once this year"
 - c. 'Roll Call' computer program to track weekly pledge balance amounts has not been maintained, Janice Beam is now catching up to make these balances current.
Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report: R. Meloon, **2nd:** E. Richau **Passed**
3. Interim Rector Report: Rev. Massie distributed literature listing the area's 'Gay Friendly Congregations' and noted that Good Shepherd is not listed, he asked that Good Shepherd be added to this list.
Motion: To officially add Good Shepherd to the list of Gay Friendly Church's Z. Koston, **2nd:** B. Burns **Passed**

Old Business

1. Elam Jewett Cafe
 - a. B. Aikman: "First years lease should be subject to a six month review, the first lease is needed ASAP and will be a three year lease"
 - b. Kitchen equipment and furniture to be provided by café
 - c. Insurance issues are important and need to be defined
2. **Rectory Rehabilitation**
To begin soon, V. Cumbo to coordinate this effort with B. Aikman
3. **Sunday School/ Education:** R. Meloon will convene a planning meeting to be held on September 27, 2009

4. Profile Committee: Copies distributed and have been corrected to September 21;
B. Aikman: “this effort required countless hours of energy on behalf of this committee”

Motion: to accept Profile Document: Z. Koston, **2nd**: J. Dietrich **Passed**

5. Parish Growth: B. Barry: “No news as yet, working on this”

6. Security:

- a. Rev. J. Massie reports that Janice Beam’s windows were unlocked and open after the weekend, no sign of break – in;
- b. B. Aikman: Office keys are now in Rev. Massie’s possession, new key list to be developed and codes will be changed.

7. Blessing of the Animals: To be held at 2: 00 pm, October 2, 2009 on the lawn of the church; B. Barry to contact SPCA and PAWS; G. Lodinsky will contact Parkside Community Association

New Business

1. **Stewardship Drive 2010** to begin September 27 with announcement during services by Warden and Stewardship chair Joe Spina
2. **New Vestry Members:** Recruitment for Vestry members to be announced September 27, 2009, E. Richau requested change in Vestry monthly meeting night due to conflict with Choir rehearsal.
3. **Music Committee:** J. Coleman, Chair, C. Burns, P. LaLonde are moving forward in planning for music recital scheduled for October 16, 2009.
4. **Parish Meeting:** Resignation of Michael Salmon as Music Director
 - a. J. Spina noted the presence of N. Montgomery and S. Hart and began discussion regarding the possible scheduling of a parish meeting to discuss this issue
 - b. N. Montgomery and S. Hart explained that there are many members of Good Shepherd that require a dialogue regarding this issue and that has become a divisive issue in the church.
 - c. Rev. Massie announced that without the full support of the Vestry in his leadership that he would not continue his ministry at Good Shepherd, he then excused himself from the meeting
 - d. The Vestry voted unanimously to support Rev. Massie as Interim Rector of Good Shepherd Church

Motion: Adjourn Meeting; E. Richau; **2nd**: V. Cumbo **Passed** (8:45 PM)

Vestry then convened in Executive Session.

Next Meeting: October 19: Joe Spina, main dish; Zoe Koston, salad; Bud Burns, bread & beverage.

Handouts Distributed: Stewardship 2010 Pledge Information; Network of Gay Friendly Congregations in the Buffalo Area Information; Profile 2009 Document; August 2009 Income and Expense Report; Smith Barney Endowment Summary

Minutes Submitted by: Gregory Lodinsky