

St James Vestry Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2010

Meeting Started at 7:10 pm, Alice Claps presided.

Vestry Prayer

How have you experienced God?

Various members shared their experiences.

Guests:

Mario Alvarez and Sharon Durette re-opened the discussion about St. James' specific welcome of the GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered) community by presenting information about Believe Out Loud, an initiative from Integrity USA to invite Episcopal churches to undertake a process of education and specific welcome of this community. Mario, Sharon, and vestry members Jim DiNapoli and Pat Sorenson all shared personal testimony that underscored the need for this specific welcome for GLBT persons to feel safe to attend an Episcopal church.

Action Step: use June, July, & Aug to investigate the process, outlined on Integrity USA's website. Also suggest we talk another church which has gone through the process. Todd Robinson volunteers to join with Mario and Sharon, to form a task force to begin the process.

Sabbatical Team report

Starr not present, no report.

Upcoming events:

Wed- Taize service; Thurs – Deanery Ascension day
Retreat cancelled this Saturday, as Christie's dad is very ill.
Roe on vacation 13th May thru 18th May

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Todd motioned to accept, Cheryl seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's report:

April Receipts \$10,454

April Expenses \$11,336

Mission: restricted funds- comes in, comes out.

Behind in special projects: counting on Auction success.

Bean supper: \$616.34

Pledges: under by \$500. Statement came via email about a week ago.

Ask people to please stay current on pledge in church.

Elaine motioned to accept report, Joyce seconded to accept report. Report approved (Linda to find possible error on report).

Grants

Christie emailed 2 drafts- looking for vestry approval:
Stewardship & Disciples (3rd year of a 3 year grant)- past request was 5K
Mom's Grant (jointly with Christ Church Andover)- haven't gotten \$ yet, Andover hasn't done their audit. Has typically been \$6000.

Spiritual Parenting- Alice emailed to everyone- need to email Alice by 5pm Wed this week- to approve or not approve.

Wardens Report

Waetie will preach this Sunday
May 22 Bean supper; May 23, Pentecost Sunday, May 30th outdoor service Veasey Park

For bean supper: Mac & Cheese- good idea last time, maybe repeat.
Hams at Market Basket- less cost than hotdogs. Do we want to try the hams? Cost may be too much, and too much change. Recommend we just add Mac & cheese this time and see how that works out.

Organ needs work: a piece of something holding pipes that needs replacement. Marilyn, Andrea, and Starr are applying for a Stevens Grant. Don't have an estimate yet. Needs to be paid in cash. Think the worst case would be \$6000, hope to get \$1500 from the grant. Would like to do 2 bean suppers, hope to raise \$1500. Also plan to sell Notes, to raise \$1000. Would still need to pay \$2500, so asking the vestry to consider.

After discussion, Vestry Response: Need more concrete info: accurate cost estimate, Stevens grant status. Until we know that and that we have surplus from auction, can't commit for this summer, but vestry will help in any other way, and look for other surpluses to help.

Ministry Reports

Administristration and Diocesan: (Alice Claps)

Christian Formation (Pat Sorenson)

2nd book group meeting was cancelled. Slice of Faith was

Evangelism:

Michelle, Julia, Todd- had a meeting. Discussed what it means and how to implement. Asked to combine the two into one ministry.

Fellowship- Cheryl

Cheryl- Need help with Maria for fellowship reporting- need to get a one sentence status. Template Ministry Report- can someone does- Pat will do one and send to Alice, then the vestry team for comments. (see attached at end of minutes).

Finance-Kim

Update on grants. Will email approvals

Concern on pledging and dropoff. Seemed to get a bump when statement swere sent out.

Suggestion to send end of May/early June. Should request from Starr who will ask Roe.

Mission- Elaine

Mission Envelopes not as good as last year- dropoff in amounts.

Central Asia \$130

Rebuilding together \$105

Mitch;s place \$125

Total \$560 from beginning of year to now.

Property - Randy

Thermostat- Mark will do this set up to have programmable thermostat in church.

Steeple- insurance will cover, but we have a \$500 deductible. Repair should be forthcoming. (Cross got broken on the steeple).

Mold: options.

1. Scrub with bleach, paint, would have to add 2 dehumidifiers.
2. Take out (abated)- put in new wallboard,
3. Hire a professional – can make an insurance claim.

Suggestion: Check the insurance coverage, and use that to the extent that we can.

Otherwise, recommend to do the DIY solution, purchase a dehumidifier, then plan for this in next year's budget.

Motion: Jim moved, Pat seconded. Approved motion to go ahead and get the dehumidifiers and investigate insurance coverage. Investigate ventilation year round.

Lights- Mark has diffusers, will do when they all are ready to be installed.

Stewardship: nothing except another

Worship: no committee chair.

Congregational Care: Mary Kluber thinking of do a mid-week lunch for older members of community

Blessing of the hands ceremony this Sunday- nurses Sunday.

MMR: Alice drafted, did not get in the newsletter. Recommendations: Responses.

Alice to talk to Judy Senfleben.

CHI had a meeting, Julia attended, CHI will do more communication to the congregation.

Auction

We need items!

Have 37 now, need 60-80 items.

Plans to promote auction:

- All Parish Emails
- Phone calls
- People need to hear examples of things.

Date: June 5th. Starts at 4pm.

Need to plug at church:

Jim DiNapoli will announce this Sunday May 16th

Kim Berens will announce another Sunday May 23rd

May 30th need announcement as well.

Donation is exposure to your business.

Publicity:

Press release is done; flyer is done. Forwarded to Cable TV, newspapers, list of radio stations, make 20-30 posters, place in local businesses.

Vestry items:

Estimate \$35 cost per person from the vestry to cover these. Ideas include:

Cheryl- 3 itunes gift certificates for \$10= \$30

Alice Hart house \$50

Linda AAA gift certification & gift certificates \$80 + \$35

Spa Treatment at Wentworth by the Sea \$90

Woodmans, clam box

Lottery tickets

Creative things that sell...dollar value.

Pat suggested ipod donation, but decided not this year.

Yankee Candle fundraiser.

Cheryl keeps the spreadsheet on Googledocs of the current donations.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Sorenson