

Vestry Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2010

Time Convened: 12 noon. Vince led us in an opening prayer.

Present: Vince McMahon, Brad Cripe, the Reverend Stacy Walker-Frontjes, Hazel Retherford, Mike Duffy, Peg Newby, Pat Brown, Anna Dee Lastick

Excused: Jennie Cummings, Rita Anderson

Appreciations:

- The Reverend Rich Frontjes for watering the newly seeded areas in the rectory lawn.
- . Pat McMahon for reviewing the website to find typos and anomalies.
- . For our new pianist, Yixuan Zhao.
- . To Ellen Anderson and Peg Newby for coordinating the after-service events on Kick-Off Sunday.
- . To St. Peter's Church in Sycamore for hosting "Keeping God's People Safe," and for all those from St. Paul's who attended.
- . To Anna Dee for the latest Proclaimer.
- . To Rochelle Cripe for her press release about Rev. Stacy's arrival at St. Paul's.
- . To Vince and all those who made sure we purchased and set up the playground equipment, and to Rev. Stacy for her blessing ceremony this morning.
- . To Rev. Stacy for visiting Norma Fitzgerald.
- . Rev. Stacy gave thanks to God for all the people at St. Paul's Church and for their warm welcome to her and to her family.

Approval of August 15, 2010 minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 15 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of reports distributed are attached.

- . At the end of August the endowment fund stands at \$1,430,844. The balance of the money market account at Edward Jones is about \$104,000.
- . The severance pay for Mthr. Gwynne was not in the budget.
- . Pat and Vince are searching for the deed to the church property.
- . The signature card for the safety deposit box at Castle Bank needs to be updated. Anna Dee will request the paperwork from Dave Smith at Castle Bank on Monday.
- . A motion was made to received the treasurer's report and file it for audit. The motion was seconded and passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications and Junior Warden's Report - Brad Cripe

The committee wrote and distributed a press release. The committee has purchased a 3'x8' banner for the west side of the church to advertise the Pet Blessing service on October 3. The banner can be reused.

Brad, Hazel Retherford, and Julie Rogers attended "Keeping God's People Safe" and thought we should host it at St. Paul's. A copy of the guidelines was given to each Vestry member and a copy is on file in the parish office.

Magnetic Church - Mike Duffy

The committee encourages everyone to continue to wear their nametags. Guidelines for a Greeter Ministry were published in the last issue of the Proclaimer. Special usher guidelines are being written to incorporate some of the greeter functions.

Outreach

Since Jennie was absent, Vince gave a brief report. The Hope Haven Necessities Drive ends next Sunday, September 26. On September 12 the collection of items for the Salvation Army Food Pantry totaled 193.

Pastoral Care - Hazel Retherford

We are still members of Stephen Ministries. There are no yearly dues. In early 2011 Hazel will start publicizing this program at St. Paul's and see how many people want to be involved. If there are enough responses, training will begin in the spring. Rev. Stacy said she strongly supports a trained lay pastoral care ministry.

Fellowship - Peg Newby

Terry Dickow is out of town, but will be working on a fall family fun event when he returns at the end of this month.

Worship and Education No report.

Facilities and Senior Warden's Report - Vince McMahon

A pine tree was removed from the southwest corner of the front yard. It was dying and was crowding trees around it. The church sign which faces Normal Road is being repainted.

Old Business

Facility Usage Fees

After a brief discussion a motion was made, seconded and carried, stating as follows:

Until resolved through sub-committee work and vestry approval, usage fees for the parish hall are suspended for the remainder of 2010, or until policy is written and approved by the vestry which covers this issue. No fees will be assessed to not-for-profit groups meeting at the church. All non-member use of the parish hall is suspended until the matter is resolved as described

above. Parishioners who wish to use the parish hall are encouraged to make a donation to help offset costs such as heating/cooling, lights, kitchen appliance use, and cleaning.

Discretionary Fund

We continue to allocate \$300 per month for Love in the Name of Christ. This is in place of a clergy administered discretionary fund. Rev. Stacy wants to stay with this plan for the near future. She will contact and visit Love INC and then review the decision.

New Business

Installation of New Rector

Reverend Stacy said that the more modern title of this service is, "The Celebration of A New Ministry." The service is intended to celebrate a partnership of the rector and congregation, and their commitment to move forward together in ministry. Therefore, it would be better to have the service in a few months, after the partnership is formed. She says that tentatively the service will be held sometime in February 2011.

Technology Fund - Upgrading the P.A. System

At the time of her calling, the Search Committee and Vestry planned that the church would purchase a new desktop computer for the Rector's office. Rev. Stacy doesn't want this, as she has her own laptop. Instead she wants to investigate the possibility of upgrading the sound system in the sanctuary. She has asked Lorraine Langer to research this and to make a report at the next Vestry meeting (October 10). A motion to approve this action was made, seconded, and carried.

Policy Sub-Committee: Brad Cripe, Mike Duffy, the Rev. Stacy Walker-Frontjes

In discussion with the wardens about use of the parish hall, Rev. Stacy decided that a variety of issues (parish hall use and nursery care among them) need to be examined and policy written to guide our actions when we deal with them. The members of this sub-committee are Rev. Stacy, Brad Cripe, and Mike Duffy.

Rector's Report

As Rev. Stacy said in her sermon on September 5 she wants to meet briefly with all members of St. Paul's to get to know them. She plans to call people on their birthdays and send notes of congratulations for marriage anniversaries. She will be visiting Norma Fitzgerald every 4-6 weeks. Adult education class will begin on Sunday, October 3. The class will meet in the conference room from 9:30-10:15. An overview of the curriculum will be in the next Proclaimer and in the bulletin announcements.

Adjournment

Rev. Stacy led us in a closing prayer at 1:20 p.m.