

St. Paul's Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2010

Time convened: Noon.

Present: The Reverend Stacy Walker-Frontjes, Vince McMahon, Peg Newby, Jennie Cummings, Brad Cripe, Pat Brown, Lorraine Langer, Anna Dee Lastick.

Absent: Rita Anderson.

Excused: Mike Duffy, Hazel Retherford.

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Rev. Stacy.

Appreciations expressed: Bob Lastick for his work on the doorbells and the lights in the parish hall; for all who attended the annual diocesan convention; for Mike Duffy's report on the convention; for our Christian Education teachers, for the music on 12/12; for those who have pledged for 2011, to Anna Dee Lastick for the most recent issue of the *Proclaimer*; for the upkeep on the parish website by Lorraine Langer.

Review and approval of November 14, 2010 Vestry meeting minutes: Motion to approve, seconded, carried.

Treasurer's Report: In most areas we are on target with our 2010 budget, or very close. This month we will pay the balance due to the Diocese for our 2010 pledge. Our financial review report from Thomas Smith, CPA, will be presented at the January 16, 2011 Vestry meeting. Motion to receive report and file for audit, seconded, carried.

Rector's Report:

- 1) On Wednesday, June 29, 2011 the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul will be celebrated at St. Paul's Church. This will be a joint service of the congregations of St. Peter's Church, Sycamore, and St. Paul's. Bishop Lee will be present. The offering taken at this service will be for mission projects, with 50% going to a world mission and 50% to a local cause. The ECW chapters will cooperate to provide a reception after the service. In 2012 this Feast will be celebrated at St. Peter's Church.
- 2) On Sunday, January 9 Ashleigh Donovan Cripe will be baptized at the 10:30 service. Peg Newby and Jennie Cummings will co-host the coffee hour following.
- 3) Rev. Stacy is planning a Vestry retreat, most likely to be held at St. Paul's on Saturday, February 12. Details to follow.
- 4) Rev. Stacy wanted everyone to have the land line phone number for the rectory. It is 815 217 0095. It will appear in the 2011 directory.

Committee Reports:

- 1) Facilities and Senior Warden: A roof leak on the north side of the sanctuary started on December 5. Anna Dee Lastick contacted the Church Insurance Company. The firm that installed the roof in the summer of 2009, Straightline Roofers, met with Rev. Stacy, Vince and Rhys Prall on December 6. The problem seems to be an ice build-up under the shingles. Move to authorize the Sexton, Bob Lastick, to investigate the problem further and report to the Vestry within a reasonable period of time. Motion seconded and carried. Door bells on breezeway doors and kitchen door: The battery operated bells that Bob Lastick installed are not reliable in very cold, icy weather. More

investigation is needed to see if hardwired doorbells can be installed for a reasonable price.

- 2) Junior Warden and Communications: A press release about Advent and Christmas observances has been sent out and was recently featured in the *Daily Chronicle*.
- 3) Magnetic Church: Mike Duffy sent out his report to the Vestry via email. Rev. Stacy noted that the ushers/greeters had met with her on December 5. Ellen Anderson will buy or create a better guest book and gift bags for visitors.
- 4) Outreach: Jennie Cummings emailed her report.
- 5) Pastoral Care: In Hazel Retherford's absence, Rev. Stacy reported that a parishioner had contacted her before Thanksgiving. She was having a crisis. She met with Rev. Stacy and Hazel brought her some meals. Audrey Brown fell and was in Kishwaukee Hospital.
- 6) Fellowship: Peg Newby discussed the supper plans for after the church service on January 6, celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany. Sue Ouellette will make sloppy Joes and co coordinate with Jennie Cummings. Rosemarie Ostberg will decorate the parish hall.
- 7) Worship and Education: Rita was not present and did not send a report. Jennie Marshalled proposed a parish field trip to the Art Institute in Chicago in February. Peg Newby discussed her experiences assisting in the Church School classes on December 5 and 12. She and Rev. Stacy emphasized the importance of adult involvement , even if it's just once a month or a few times a year.

New Business:

Chamber of Commerce membership: The Vestry agreed to continue our membership through 2011. This offers us the benefit of free advertising for lobster Boil and other events. We have parish brochures displayed at the Chamber Visitor Center.

2010 Committee or Organization Reports should be sent to the parish office the first week of January for inclusion in the Annual Meeting booklets.

The Vestry went into Executive session at 1:10 P.M., and the staff was excused.