

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
Meeting: June 12, 2011

Members Present: The Rev. Stacy Walker-Frontjes, Rector; Brad Cripe, Senior Warden; David Anderson; Rita Anderson; Jennie Cummings; Freyja Johns

Excused Absences: Mike Duffy; Pat Brown, Treasurer and Board Member.

Guests: Lorraine Langer, Director of Music Ministries

The meeting came to order at 11:00 a.m.

The opening prayer was led by Rev. Stacy Walker-Frontjes.

Appreciations:

1. To Rhys Prall for the garden installation and fence work.
2. To Rick Johns and Maureen Gerrity for helping plant the garden.
3. For babies: Charles Michael Duffy; David's nephew
4. For Lobster Boil preparation: Ellen, Pat, Bill, Jennie, etc.
5. For collection counting help: Freyja, Mike, Jennie, Brad.
6. For Ascension Day attendance and for the food.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the May 2011 meeting be approved.

Committee Reports:

1. Senior Warden and Communications Committee Report:
Collection counting signup circulated. Counting will require 2 vestry members due to breaches of confidentiality to protect the assets of the church. With 23 resumes received for the administrative assistant position, the interview process by the rector and executive committee starts 6/13.
2. Junior Warden and Buildings and Grounds Committee Report: No meeting, no report. A shed to house the Lobster Boil tanks, etc. was mentioned.
3. Magnetic Church- Rita brought example of a welcoming brochure from Joliet.
4. Outreach and Mission- Community Needs Drive went well. Another discussed for October.
5. Pastoral Care- no report. Norma is being visited by Rev. Stacy and Maureen Gerrity, Lay Eucharistic Visitor.
6. Fellowship- "Low Lobster" Sunday was well attended. 6/2 Ascension Service with nice gathering afterwards. Chairs, Ellen and Peg - Feast of St Pauls St Peters. Picnic- discussed a tent; or where to hold the picnic. Be here by 8:30 AM on Sunday, July 10th to setup.
July Vestry meeting will be July 17 at 1130AM, the third Sunday of July due to the picnic.
7. Stewardship- time to start this committee but needs at least one vestry member. In the last years, a letter was the only form of a Stewardship Drive. Future possibilities could include: education about giving, pledging, time/talents, planning an event with a

dinner, luncheon, stewardship witness talks. Door to door canvas has been a past event. Stewardship team may attend workshops for fresh ideas. It was suggested that we explore ways for people to give donations through our website. It would be secure, and pledges as well as memorials, flower or altar guild donations could be given online. Easier for some parishioners, could help keep a more consistent flow of incoming funds. Jennie, David expressed interest in committee.

8. Music Ministry: input requested for favorite hymns. Lorraine is taking requests. Kathleen will be taking some vacation days this summer. Myron Meyers was our guest musician this morning, and will be when Kathleen is gone this summer. This Weds is the Young Families and Friends play date and potluck. Lorraine plans to show videos from the children's choir rehearsals and performances. St. Peter/Paul service on June 29, 2011. Choir practice on 6/23. Welcome and open to all including the community. 7 for St. Pauls; 3-6 from St. Peters. Next year we hope to include the children's choir at this annual event.
9. No treasurers report. Bills were paid per Brad.
10. Rector's Report
 - a. Garden tilled and planted.
 - b. Fence materials for the rectory have been purchased. Rhys Prall volunteered to install.
 - c. 6/29 Annual Feast of St. Paul and St. Peter will be with Bishop Lee. Freyja and Rick Johns and one person from St. Peters to be received. The service begins at 6pm. Bishop Lee will do blessing over chrism oil and anointing oil for sick. Memorials for altar guild were recently received and will be used to purchase a container for the anointing oil for the sick.
 - d. Keeping God's People Safe training Saturday, 9/10- 9:30-3:00 at St. Paul's. All vestry, church employees, and children care workers are expected to attend. Bring a sack lunch. Keeping God's People Safe training must be renewed every 5 years.
 - e. Childcare staffing needs- Sarah Wachute resigned with very little notice before the summer. Rev. Stacy is looking for candidates for this position. We really need a pool of 3-4 childcare workers to ensure proper coverage of two nursery workers every Sunday.
 - f. August Vestry Meeting 21st; , July Vestry meeting on July 17th. Should we move the vestry to the 3rd Sunday from 2nd Sunday? Let's revisit at our July vestry meeting.

Old Business

1. Roof: no estimate yet from contractor, Ty Emerson (did bathroom remodeling for rectory). Drywall/ledge repair discussed. \$25,000 came from insurance. Refinishing pews is not the issue. Fixing the damage to the plaster and drywall is more challenging. Goal is to have repairs done this summer.
2. PA system- Lorraine- Dan Nichols will install this summer. Assisted hearing devices- Sue Ouellette was asked for a referral to an audiologist. Tom Thunder is a professor at NIU, an audiologist, and acoustical consultant, and colleague of Sue Ouellette. It is a possibility that he will use our church as a field trip with one of his classes. Dan Nichols has suggested using Ex. FM receivers. The

Audrey Brown Family has given a memorial towards assisted hearing for the hearing impaired in the sanctuary.

3. Concerns were brought by Rita Anderson at this point in the meeting that were not on the agenda. Issues included facilities usage fees, size of type for readings in bulletin, Christian Education liaison to vestry, representation of our older and retired members on the vestry, rectory backyard fence, and general concerns that expenditures are approved too quickly by the vestry. The vestry and rector engaged in discussion about these issues. The Director of Music also answered questions raised regarding the music program and musicians fees.

New Business:

1. The Basement Renovation Team will be meeting soon. Our Nursery is crowded and will need to move to basement. (Committee: Julie Stubblefield, Julie Rogers, Rochelle Cripe, Rick Johns, Maureen Gerrity, Jayne Crosby-Linder)
2. On Memorial Day weekend, Noruz Films approached St. Paul's about the possibility of filming part of an independent film at St. Paul's. Rev Stacy met with the director and his production assistant about the possibility to use St. Paul's to film a movie. It is an untitled film about a farming family in Iowa. The film will also be filmed at Sycamore speedway, and a nearby farm, with two church scenes at St. Paul's. The main actors will be Dennis Quaid and Zach Efron. We have been offered \$500 for the use of our property, plus a site rep to be determined will be paid \$250. They may need extras, and would be happy to have people from St. Paul's be extras. Motion approved: Rev. Stacy has authority to enter into agreement with the Noruz Films should they get the green light to proceed with this film project.

July 17. Next Meeting at 1130AM.

Future Business: David Anderson: Should we continue with the Lobster Boil due to the management of the event? Should we have a church meeting to discuss this? Perhaps the ECW should have an open meeting to discuss this. Should ECW relinquish the Lobster Boil to the parish?

Collection-counting sign-up is a requirement to adjourn.

Closing prayer led by Rev Stacy.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:11PM.

