

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Minutes  
August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011

Members Present: The Rev. Stacy Walker-Frontjes, Rector; Brad Cripe, Senior Warden; Mike Duffy, Junior Warden; Pat Brown, Treasurer and Vestry Member; and Rita Anderson, David Anderson, Freyja Johns, and Jennie Cummings, Vestry Members.

Members Absent: None

Guests: Lorraine Langer, Director of Music Ministries.

The meeting came to order at 11:00AM with a prayer from the Rev. Stacy Walker-Frontjes.

Appreciations:

1. To the basement (undercroft) committee for their hard work and determination to get the remodeling of the basement complete. The members of the committee are: Rick Johns, Rochelle Cripe, Maureen Gerrity, Julie Stubblefield and Julie Rogers;
2. To all the people who came out to help on the basement cleanup day;
3. To Rev. Stacy for the blessing of the children's backpacks and supplies;
4. To Satomi Ivey-Johnson for her work during Rev. Stacy's vacation and her service to the church and congregation;
5. To Kathleen for her excellent piano performances;
6. To our Lord for today's service and fellowship;
7. To the parish for their assistance to the Vestry during the month;
8. To Bill and Jennie Cummings for their work at trimming the hedges around the church.

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Freyja Johns, seconded by Jennie Cummings. Motion approved unanimously.

Senior Warden Report: Brad Cripe reminded Vestry members of their obligation to count the collection on Sunday afternoons. A signup sheet was passed around to Vestry members.

Junior Warden Report (Buildings and Grounds):

1. HVAC – Breezy's fixed one unit on the parish hall roof, and will be issuing a proposal for a service contract for the remaining heating and cooling systems of the parish.
2. Roof leaks continue
  - a. Straight-Line Builders inspected the pitched portion of our roof and have made the determination that it is functioning properly;

- b. The flat portion of our roof is problematic. It is not pitched properly toward the downspout; instead, the roof is negatively sloped (i.e. it is pitched away from the downspout and toward the church). Further, the downspout was clogged. Efforts are underway to solve this problem;
  - c. Water was reported in the furnace room as well;
3. The basement renovation is underway. Vic Reed is in the process of replacing the lighting, painting is in process and the construction of the nursery and toddler rooms will begin shortly;
4. Brad reported that CBS lawn care removed a fallen tree branch on the property;
5. Brad will be meeting with Jeff Marshall to solicit a bid for the retaining wall that is deteriorating on the west side of the property;
6. Rev. Stacy reported that the rectory stove broke during the month and was fixed.

Magnetic Church Report (David Anderson):

Ushers are to be reminded that coloring pages exist for children and they should be given to members and guests as appropriate.

Outreach and Mission (Jennie Cummings):

1. July and August are diaper ministry months for Love, Inc. We have had a fantastic outpouring of diapers from the congregation.
2. A kitchen ministry and lamp ministry is coming soon.

Pastoral Care (Rev. Stacy Walker-Frontjes):

Rev. Stacy reminded the Vestry that she is available to the parish for pastoral care.

Fellowship (Freyja Johns):

1. Kickoff Sunday is September 11<sup>th</sup>;
2. Ellen Anderson has joined the committee;
3. Upcoming events:
  - a. Crepes on the Patio is either September 23<sup>rd</sup> or October 7<sup>th</sup>. This is an adult event, tickets are \$12 per person;
  - b. Kids crafts and pumpkin decorating will be October 23<sup>rd</sup> after church;
  - c. Fellowship groups are in the process of being restarted;
  - d. Game night in January or February?;
  - e. The Crop Walk is October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Stewardship (Rev. Stacy Walker-Frontjes):

Rev. Stacy and Jennie Cummings are meeting as part of the stewardship committee. Vestry members were asked to read the latest Vestry papers, and a column was placed in the parish newsletter.

Music Ministries (Lorraine Langer):

1. Adult choir practice starts Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>;
2. Children's choir will start sometime in October;
3. Auditions for a new pianist are underway.

Rector's Report (Rev. Stacy Walker-Frontjes):

1. Fr. Bob Krogman informed Rev. Stacy that the Islamic Students of NIU (ISNIU) is in need of prayer space. The Vestry discussed this need and asked Rev. Stacy to move forward with a preliminary meeting with the ISNIU's board of directors to ascertain how we might be able to assist them;
2. An electrical storm disrupted power to the parish during the month. The alarm company notified Ellen Anderson, who called Brad Cripe. Brad went to the church and saw no visible damage; however, later inspection noted that the copier/printer was broken and the organ was damaged. Insurance will cover the losses. The alarm system was also broken, and insurance will cover this as well;
3. The garden is growing! Rev. Stacy asked the Vestry to remind the congregation that the fruit of the garden is for the parish and for the food pantry, so please take what you need;
4. The young family play date during the month had good attendance;
5. Godly Play is the new Sunday school program for pre-school and elementary children, and will be starting on September 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be three Sunday school classes led by Rochelle Cripe, Maureen Gerrity, Jayne Crosby-Lindner, Julie Stubblefield and David Aarons;
6. Adult Sunday school will be starting on September 11<sup>th</sup> and will be led by Rev. Stacy Walker-Frontjes. A schedule was passed out for September through May;
7. Keeping God's People Safe Training has been postponed until further notice;

Treasurer's Report (Pat Brown):

The treasurer's report was passed out and discussed. Brad Cripe motioned to accept the report and file for audit. Rita Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Brad Cripe motioned, seconded by David Anderson, to give Rev. Stacy authority to enter into an agreement with the DeKalb Farm Film Company for the use and filming of the parish property. Motion carried unanimously;
2. It is the intention of the Vestry that proceeds from the filming should be used for Christian education;
3. The PA system will be installed on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

New Business:

1. A nominating committee is being established. Rev. Stacy Walker-Frontjes was provided a list of potential candidates for the committee.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jennie Cummings, seconded by Freyja Johns. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Cripe, Senior Warden