

Vestry Minutes

approved October 15, 2009

ST. BONIFACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Date: September 17, 2009

Vestry Members Present: Ted Copland (Rector); Reg Irvine (Junior Warden); Mike Dougherty (Treasurer); Gary Buchmeier; Carl Hye-Knudsen; Jim Palermo; Mary Tucker; Tommy Meyer; Becky Westbrook

Vestry Members Absent: Peg Davant, Carol Marcus-Epperly; Michael Walker; Kathie Hayes; Carolyn Garvey; Susan Rife (Senior Warden)

Other Attendees: Andi Taylor (Assistant Rector); Betsie Danner

Call to Order: Ted Copland called the vestry meeting to order at 6:00pm. Andi Taylor opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: A **motion** was made, seconded and adopted that the minutes of the vestry meeting held July 18, 2009 be accepted.

Financial Report: A **motion** was made, seconded and adopted to accept the financial report that was audited. The Treasurer discussed that our financial statement was accepted and no suggestions were made to us. By all accounts things are stable and there are no surprises at this point. A **recommendation** was made for Ted to draft a thank you letter to Pellegrino, Honick, McFarland & Miller, PA. for their help on our audit.

Convocation/Convention Report: Ted and Andi told the vestry about a gentleman they met, Don Nicholson, who may be able to help us with our retreat. Once Reg comes up with a date for our retreat Ted will talk to Don about coming and helping us facilitate the meeting. Ted handed out a sheet on Appreciative Inquiry which may help us to look at St. Boniface on a global perspective for our retreat. Ted also suggested that we look at including past vestry members for this retreat and gave Reg a list of potential people to contact. Ted gave us a copy of a letter that he sent to the Clergy and Convention Delegates about a proposal to amend the 2010 Diocesan Budget.

Rector's Report: Ted reported that he, Cindy, Gary, Michael (Walker) and Mike (Dougherty) met to discuss the budget. They do not feel that there is much we can change at this point. It does not look like at this point we will be able to restore salaries. Ted let us know that Health Care will be going up this year 6.8%. Ted would like to hold budget "hearings" in October so the parish can talk about what is important to them. Discussion followed as to how we are going to spark people's interest to come and talk at these "hearings". It was discussed that we need to talk about what we hope to do with our budget and how we are going to help our ministries not what people need to give. Ted also reported that our Investment Committee will be meeting in October so we will be able to see how we are doing at that time.

Stewardship: Betsie reported about her plan for our Annual Appeal. Handed out Annual Appeal 2010 Actions. She will need help from vestry members on some of her proposed actions. She needs people to help with her Budget Forum on October 11th or 18th. She would really like it if on November 1st she can state that the entire vestry believes so strongly in what we are doing that we have already made our pledges for 2010. On November 15th, Abundance Sunday, she would like to have the vestry members carry pledges up to the altar.

Preschool Report: Ted reported that Dick Aubrey, our new preschool director, is working out very nicely. We are up to 28 children in the preschool; we would like to have 30 and are working on it. Parents and staff are very happy with the way things are going. Dick is having his first Advisory Board Meeting on Monday, September 21st. Dick has also met with Reg Irvine about his wish list for the preschool. The main thing right now is getting sinks in each classroom, for hand washing. They will be working on a plan to make this happen and we may need to look at taking money out of the capital reserve to be able to accomplish this. If this is the case then vestry action will need to be taken. Reg will be working on this with Dick. The playground is another major issue and Dick is looking into the possibility of grants to help with this.

Tommy and Ted will be meeting to discuss Ted's sabbatical with the rest of the committee so they can formulate a plan.

We have 2 people going off the vestry and will need to fill 3 positions. Ted has had 3 people talk to him about their interest in coming onto the vestry.

Upcoming Vestry Meetings:

October 15th

November 19th

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Tucker, Vestry Member/Acting Clerk