

CHRIST CHURCH DETROIT VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS MARCH 25, 2010

The Rev. John Talk opened the meeting with prayer at 6:30 pm.

MINUTES

Unfortunately the report that the chair for Buildings and Grounds had been accepted by Howard Matthew was, alas, more wishful thinking than reality. Howard has agreed to gather current information on projects and repairs so that the new chair, when appointed, will have up to date data. The minutes were approved as amended.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the Parochial Report be e-mailed to vestry for approval. Upon receipt of a majority vote the Rector, Treasurer and Secretary will sign and submit the report. Motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT – Membership Development Committee

Roger Basse, chair of the Membership Development Committee presented a very thorough report on previous and current efforts to recruit and maintain new members.

Highlights of his report include:

- Property appeal – Although much has been done to improve the looks of our beloved church, Roger asked that we include plantings around the sign in the overall landscaping project.
- The committee is planning to have a meeting of those who have volunteered to be greeters to remind everyone of their purpose and duties.
- Assign mentors to new people to see that they become involved in the life of the church.
- Make sure that visitors are contacted by phone and/or mail welcoming them to Christ Church and hoping that they will come again.
- Invite friends, neighbors or even people standing next to you in the check out line at the grocery store to Christ Church. Be intentional about asking people to come for special events or volunteering for special projects.
- Issue invitations to lapsed members.

Rev. Talk thanked Roger for his report and informed us all that the diocesan ministry fair that will be held in Lansing of May 1st will be offering several training sessions on membership development. Since the work of the membership development committee is vital to our goals as a vestry this year, Roger was invited to attend at least part of this year's vestry retreat.

TREASURER'S REPORT –Tom Cragg

Tom Cragg distributed the report, (see attached), for financial activity through February, 2010. Although revenue is down slightly from this time last year expenses are \$16,000.00 less and a \$9,300.00 less than budgeted for January and February 2010.

Tom's report also included money that has been received and expended for restricted purposes. For instance money received for the Walk-In Ministry, the Rotating Shelter, theater tickets, etc.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the Good Friday Offering be sent to the Diocese of Jerusalem. Motion approved.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT – Maggie Blanchard

Reading Camp

- The Outreach Committee will work with Christian Ed. and help get volunteers for the Reading Camp
- The Sunday School teachers are recruiting Rite 13 and J2A youth to help with food service, crafts, etc.
- Maggie has contacted the three closest elementary schools and has found interest and enthusiasm for our project.
- The diocese has proved a \$1,000.00 grant to support the program
- Maggie is planning a flower sale for the week before Flower Day at Eastern Market as a fund raiser
- Jet's Pizza may provide food for one of the days

Summer Sundays – A program named Godly Play will be provided for children during the usual worship center time on some Sundays during the summer.

RECTOR'S REPORT – Rev. John Talk

KEEPING OUR CHURCH SAFE

- The policy as previously distributed to the vestry has been reviewed and received diocesan approval.
- A procedure for maintaining the confidentiality of all background checks will be put in place prior to implementation of the policy.
- The policy will be put on the Web Site. Copies of the policy will be made available to all interested parties. Communication about the provisions of the policy may include and forum and/or a training session for teachers and parents.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the Keeping Our Church Safe policy be approved as distributed to the vestry and be implemented at the beginning of the Sunday School year in September, 2010. Motion approved.

Vestry Retreat – The vestry retreat will be held on May 8, 2010 and St. John's, Royal Oak. The main topic will be implementing vestry goals for 2010.

Lawn Service – Before engaging Kevin to cut the grass this summer, vestry asked that lawn service bids be obtained to see if this might be more cost effective.

United States Social Forum – Christ Church will provide a 20 x 30 tent to be erected near Cobo Hall for interfaith worship during the USSF. Volunteers may be needed to host the facility.

Jefferson Courtyard - Preliminary plans for the Jefferson Courtyard were shown to vestry. Implementation of the plan may be completed in three phases. The first phase will include crushed stone paths, a sprinkler system and grass. Future plantings and more permanent paths will depend on adequate funding.

Vestry adjourned for executive session to hear the report of the Personnel Committee.

Other Business

The Reconstructionist Congregation that met in Sibley House for many years has expressed an interest in returning to Christ Church. John will be in touch with them to determine their interest and needs.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet B. Weir