

The Vestry of Christ Church
Minutes for the Regular Meeting
May 12, 2010 ~ 7 p.m.

Attended by: Reverend Scott Gunn, Joel Gardner, Carlene Hervieux, Ethan Gafford, Anne Kilkenny, Jim Giammarino, Brian Allard, Linda Mendonca, LuJean Johnson and Jen Banos

Absent: Reverend Melody Shobe, Bob Kay, Al Mongeau, Sue LaFreniere, Jill Gaines, Paul Aikens

Prayer & Opening

1. Regular Vestry meeting opened with prayer at 7 pm.
2. Vestry approved this evening's agenda as printed.
Vestry approved minutes from April meeting, with condensed version to be presented.

Formation & Fellowship

3. Bible Study: Acts 6:1~7

Information

4. Treasurer's Report (Ethan Gafford) Bank balance improved namely due to Easter offerings, no significant bills to be paid this month. We have received about 91% of current pledges, and Renaissance pledges are catching up a little.
5. New Deacon (Rev'd Gunn) Joyce Thorne will be ordained on May 22nd and joining our parish on May 23rd. All are encouraged to attend her ordination and join in welcoming her to our parish family. She will be with us about 10 hours a week, and be part of several ministries, namely working with the Lectors and Eucharistic ministers. Christ Church is responsible to cover her professional development expenses and mileage and this was worked into the current budget in anticipation of a Deacon being assigned to us. This is a thrilling vote of confidence in our parish as the Bishop chose us as her first parish to serve and grow with.

Discussion

6. Mass on the Grass (LuJean Johnson) Following discussion, it was determined that our annual outdoor service will be held on August 29th at MaColl Field (10:30 service). Other locations were already booked or too far to consider. MaColl is able to accommodate an indoor service in the event of rain. Lincoln Woods will be the optimal choice for 2011 and will be reserved as soon as they begin to take reservations in January.
7. Options for the future of Christ Church (Rev'd Gunn) Those options which are more likely to be pursued from our original list presented at the Parish Meeting include:
 - a. Sell/move out of Parish House, move into Church + addition
 - b. Explore merger
 - c. Sell both buildings, move to new location
 - d. Seek outside funding
 - e. Sell assets of value

Some discussion/updates were provided, with more facts and figures due in the next week or two.

*****A special Meeting of the Vestry will be held on May 26th to pull together final figures and information, and to prepare for Parish Meeting to be held on June 6th.***

Decision ~ none

Closing & Prayer

Regular meeting closed with prayer at 9 pm

Next Regular meeting: June 9, 2010 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Banos, Vestry Clerk

In the interest of keeping published minutes more condensed, there are additional notes for item 7: Our options for the future

- a. LuJean reported that :
 - We currently have about 14~18k square feet of usable space.
 - The undercroft of the church is too limited to be considered for usable space.
 - Knock on Wood isn't required to have fire sprinkler system on third floor because it isn't office space, so we would bear the \$50 k cost to install.
- b. Joel met again with people from St. John's. The "dating" is going well, but there are no decisions. The Diocese is expecting them to make a decision sooner than later.
- c. New construction is going for about \$150.00 a square foot.
Renting existing space is about \$4~9 a sq. ft.

If we were to build along side the side of the church, 7,000.00 square feet would be needed. There would be council sought for alternate plan for the memorial garden, the possibility of two handicapped parking on church property abutting Knock on Wood (with a variance)

- d. (Having no open doors as of yet, Jill and Jen had no information to report to date.
We will report to group on the 26th)
- e. A detailed history of LaFarge windows was presented to Scott. An appraiser will be here soon to do a walk through and identify those treasures that we may not be aware of.

Our Mission Statement

We welcome all people to a life transformed by Jesus Christ
through worship, formation and service