

PARISH OF ST. PAUL - VESTRY MEETING

Thursday, August 16, 2007

at the home of Bernice Cramer and Paul Friedman

Present: Richard Pearce, Margaret Hummel, Lee Hatfield, David Montgomery, Tim Dunn, Bernice Cramer, Betty Murray and Ellie Pandorf. Absent: Joan Brandmahl and Betsy Blagdon. (Items in **bold** indicate further action to be taken.). The meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes. Upon motion duly seconded, the minutes of our June 5, June 20 and July 25 meetings, as revised where applicable, were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Pledge income is down for the year but that is not unusual at this time of the year. Ordinary expenses are also down significantly due to reduced staff and lack of heating bills. The so-called "Reserve Account" entry has been removed from the monthly report in the interest of clarity. Finances are generally about where we would expect to be at this time of the year.

Calendar Meeting. A meeting will occur after Sunday service on September 9. **Any relevant information should be forwarded to Lee Hatfield.**

Priest in Charge Status. Unfortunately there is not much progress to report on our current PIC process despite numerous and persistent efforts to engage the diocese in discussions concerning same. Joan Brandmahl is now seeking to line up supply clergy thru the end of September. Both Heidi Fieldstone and Barbara Smith-Moran have expressed willingness to come back again.

Vestry Person of the Day. The VPOTD should make the decision as to whether to proceed with garden service plans when and if weather seems iffy (including when temperature outside is too hot).

Church School Director Position. Margaret looked into the references for the current candidate, John Falcone. The responses were positively glowing. The position will accordingly be offered (**Bernice will make the call**). A meeting with church school teachers has been scheduled for August 20. It is hoped that John will be able to attend. **Assuming John accepts the position, David will help edit the letter agreement drafted by Margaret.**

Church Office Manager. Much to everyone's great pleasure, Diane Post is working out very well as Manager.

Labor Day Weekend. Discussion was held about what to do on Labor Day weekend Sunday since as of yet no supply clergy person has been found. The Vestry consensus was to try to hold services at St. Paul's if possible (either with supply clergy or possibly morning prayer with John McDargh officiating. **Tim will check with John as to whether he might be available.**

September 23. Plans for Auburndale park outing have been cancelled. We plan to do a parish pizza update hosted by Vestry following the 10:30 service.

Welcome Back Sunday is September 9. It would be helpful for announcements to be made concerning the kids program, PIC update (by wardens), Rabbi Kushner's forum and spirituality initiatives.

Childcare. **Tim will register us once again with the College Helpers website to advertise for possible caregivers. David will contact Emily Mucchetti as to whether she wishes to return again this year.**

Restricted Funds documentation. David and Richard are planning to visit the Diocese soon to search for the terms of restrictions that were placed on various bequests to the parish in the past.

Evangelism. Diane Post will circulate an usher "to do" list in advance of each Sunday. **David and Betty will pow wow re smaller group dinners over the course of the next year.**

Spirituality. The committee is planning its initiative events. **Margaret will poll the regular attendees of adult Christian ed participants as to how they wish to proceed come September without a PIC in place.**

Property Committee. There are apparently no more termites in the rectory.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Montgomery, Clerk