

Vestry Minutes: November 8, 2011

Present: Fr. Kirk, Marian Daly, Marilyn Hutchinson, Dave Fisher, Dave Martin, Ronnie Smyth, Frank Ritter, Phyllis Mroz, Suzanne McKenna, Kelly Sneddon, Chris Gaffney, Don Hutchinson.

Fr. Kirk opened the meeting in prayer at 7:06 pm., and was asked by Ronnie Smyth to leave the meeting for a few minutes.

Having received permission from Bishop Cancell to proceed with calling Fr. Kirk to be Rector, the Vestry unanimously voted to issue a call to him. When he returned to the meeting, he gratefully accepted the Vestry's call, and said he was truly humbled to be asked to continue serving our wonderful parish.

M/s/p the minutes from the October 11, 2011 Vestry meeting are accepted as presented. The minutes from the special Vestry meeting on October 22, 2011 are accepted as amended.

Communications

- Bishop Cancell announces his intention to retire in the fall of 2013 upon the consecration of his successor.
- There will be a Special Parish Meeting Sunday, November 13th at 9:15 a.m. to elect six Delegates to a Special Convocation Meeting December 11th. The December 11th meeting will be held at Grace, Merchantville at 4 p.m. and will elect one clerical and one lay representative to the Episcopal Election Committee.
- Father Kirk donates a HP 5510 printer-copier-scanner for the Rector's Office. **M/s/p** we accept the gift from Father Kirk.
- The Diocese of New Jersey "Outpost" Program has begun in an effort to raise awareness among all diocesan parishes of their mission.
- A thank you from Fr. Peter Manzo of St. Bartholmew's, Cherry Hill, was received for participating in their 50th anniversary celebration October 9th.
- There will be a Millennium Development Goals Workshop at Grace Saturday, November 19th, 9-12. Lou Cavaliere is in charge.

Treasurer's Report

- 2nd and 3rd Quarter Pledge Statements were mailed. We would still prefer to have the Quick Books statements formatted more like the former handwritten pledge statements of some years ago.
- A check for \$30,000 has been received, as promised, from Grace Cornforth, and she is comfortable with using it to address the three stewardship challenges, of air conditioning the church and Morse Hall, and relighting Morse Hall, if the Vestry wishes.

M/s/p the Treasurer's Report is accepted as presented.

Solar Panels' Project

- A proposal for panels by Craig Meister, with no up-front costs is to come soon.
- At the Special Vestry Meeting October 22nd, Don Powell of Powell Energy and Solar offered to increase our first-year payback by \$18,000 to come in March 2012. **M/s/p** the Solar Panel discussion is postponed until after Easter 2012.

Property Committee

- Licensing Agreement for # 11 **M/s/p** the Rectory Licensing agreement is accepted as amended to begin on January 1, 2012.
- Licensing agreement with Christ Apostolic Temple. **M/s/p** the Licensing agreement with Christ Apostolic Temple is accepted as amended to begin on January 1, 2012.
- John Congdon has installed two vinyl acetate replacement windows in #11 and is completing repairs to the kitchen ceiling under the master bedroom's bathroom. The leakage was from the shower/tub and has also been repaired. The bill will be higher due to grouting, tile and leak repairs in bathroom.
- Sidewalk repairs are needed in front of the driveway entrance (and along Park Avenue) **M/s/p** Ronnie Smyth is empowered to contract for up to \$750 for sidewalk repairs in front of the driveway entrance doors, and for the last section of the sidewalk from #9 to the driveway. John Congdon is to do the work.
- A snow plowing proposal from Peter White and Don Hutchinson was **M/s/p** as presented.

Stewardship and Planned Giving

- Alyssa Thiel joined the choir at Reclaiming the Vision Breakfast when we asked for volunteers for various groups, as well as presented the stewardship challenges and packets.
- Intended Giving to date includes 32 pledges.

Ministry Committee

- There will be a luncheon for Bishop Councill and Confirmands: Sunday, December 4th Norma Bush will be in charge.
- The South Jersey Food Bank has a \$300,000 deficit, and an appeal is being made for donations.
- The Website was not running, but Dave Martin reports that it is back in operation.
- The New Member Committee wants to host visitors at Merchantville Parade Dec. 2nd for hot chocolate in conjunction with the Cherry Valley Train Club exhibit; we may also have a float in the parade. The committee meets Wednesday, Nov. 9th, 7 p.m.
- We noted that Dave Weikert shared ideas for Men's Club dinners with club members.
- The Fall Fair is Saturday, November 12th, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Phyllis Mroz is in charge.

Junior Warden Report - None

Senior Warden Report - None

Fr. Kirk's Report – None

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Marian Daly
Clerk