

Vestry Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2011 7 PM

Saint Peter's is celebrating the love of Christ by reaching out and empowering for ministry.

Present: Fr. Kevin Johnson, Hank Van Dorp, Swanson Graves, John Thompson, Tom Archie, Read Allen, Ed Hodges, Todd Williamson, Betty Cochran, Walker Lynch, Roy Parker

Absent: Hodges Hackney, Cathy Whichard

Meditation: Walker Lynch

Agenda: No additions

Timekeeper: Roy Parker

Concerns and Celebrations: Ted Hodges returns from Haiti Dec. 3rd. He has medical school interviews at ECU, Wake Forest and UNC. Wyatt Taylor has had his surgery and is doing well. Gerald Cameron had a mini stroke. Betty Cochran's friend, Sue, has lung cancer and another friend, Diane, has a serious infection that will require months of treatment and surgery.

New Business

October Financial Report: Ed Hodges motioned to accept the October Financial Report. Swanson Graves made the second. All approved

October Minutes: A typo was found in the Youth report (their should be there). Ed Hodges motioned to accept the minutes as amended. . Betty Cochran made the second. All approved.

Volunteer of the Month: William Cochran was chosen as volunteer of the month for December.

Receive 2010 Audit: Fr. Kevin suggested that the reception of the audit be tabled until the December Vestry meeting when a letter describing the results of the audit is made available. Walker Lynch motioned to table the item until December. Ed Hodges made the second. All approved.

2012 Diocesan Convention: Saint Peter's will need to send 4 delegates to the convention on Feb. 3 & 4 in New Bern. Ed Hodges said that in past years, the people who served as alternates to the convention the year before were asked if they would like to attend this year as delegates. Tom Archie said he would like to attend. Important items to be discussed at the convention will include the Church Health Insurance Plan (Church Pension Health Insurance) and the Standing Committee's recommendations concerning parishes that are "not viable".

Old Business:

Appreciative Inquiry:

Worship Survey: John Thompson reported that 180 Worship Surveys had been returned. The Worship Committee has met two times to tally the data. Comments from the survey are being logged by John and committee volunteers. He will have the results in December.

Invitations to Families Living Close to Saint Peter's: Roy Parker reported that door hangers inviting people to come to the Animal Blessing were distributed in the neighborhood. Also, banners announcing/inviting people to attend functions at Saint Peter's are displayed. The weekly ad in the Washington Daily news also invites people to participate in worship and events at Saint Peter's.

Develop Protocol for Identifying "Missing" Members: Roy Parker asked Nancy Hamblin for an update. She said a sign that asks people to identify those parishioners who no longer attend and a box to put the names in will be displayed. This information will also be in Keynotes and the bulletin.

Develop "Who to Call If" list and Develop Link on Website for "Who to Call If": Father Kevin reported that the information is available, but needs to be updated. The plan is on schedule.

Review Vestry Election Process: Hank Van Dorp reported that there are now 4 nominees for Vestry. They are: Bob Thomas, Bill Rianhard, Sonia Privette and Crystal Hardt. Jennifer will send out a Parish email tomorrow, Nov. 16th, and put an article in the Sunday bulletin asking for more nominees. If there are no more nominees by Monday, Nov. 21st, the slate will be complete with the 4 nominees.

Commission Reports

Building and Grounds: Tom Archie reported that the Day School play yard has a fixture that has several exposed bolts. This is a dangerous situation for the children playing in the yard. He asked Whitehurst Fencing for an estimate to put a fence around the fixture. The estimate was \$3,289. Tom asked for other suggestions. Todd Williamson suggested contacting "Kid Cushion". Swanson Graves will take a look at it with Tom. Bruce Jarvah has installed new light bulbs in the Narthex and the area is brighter. Bruce suggested a chandelier be installed in the Sacristy to improve the lighting. Bruce also repaired the broken light fixture that was at the Main Street entrance to the church. Lex Mann, Bill Mann and Tom Archie worked on the Clean-up Day. Tom replenished the straw on the walkway in the church yard. Tom will schedule another clean-up day in Feb. or March and ask the church youth to help out. Tom has asked Linwood Lewis to look at the roof and to check out the leak that occurred during Hurricane Irene. Ball Electric is going to look at replacing the lights in the 2nd Street parking lot. Keith Hardt could not find a way to fix those non-working lights. It was suggested that an area light be put up for the short term.

Christian Formation: Hank Van Dorp reported that the Christian Formation Committee will meet in December.

Worship: John Thompson reported that the Spanish Congregation will celebrate the Virgin of Guadalupe on Dec. 11th. They are also forming a children's choir and will be focusing on returning their Estimate of Giving cards.

Outreach: Swanson Graves suggested that the Christmas Offering be divided between Eagle's Wings and the Purpose of God. All agreed. Catherine Partrick continues to chair the Back Pack Buddies program. Swanson has given the program \$200 from the Outreach Fund. There are lots of time slots left to fill for ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Wal Mart December 3rd. The sign-up sheet is outside of Jennifer's office. It has been one year since the church asked the city's Historic Preservation Commission's permission to tear down the Nichol's house. Two askings are needed before any demolition can happen. All agreed that Swanson should make the 2nd asking and proceed from there.

Resources and Administration: Ed Hodges passed out thank you note packets to the Vestry. Every parishioner who pledges this year is to receive a personal thank you note from a member of the Vestry. Suggested ministries to highlight in the notes included: expanded youth program, YoungLives, Upward, Saint Peter's Day School, and Pastoral Care Ministries. It is time for Saint Peter's Ministries to submit budget requests. A short discussion followed on who knows the pledge amounts on the estimate of giving cards.

Pastoral Care: Betty Cochran reported that homebound meals, funeral meals, lay Eucharistic visits and Intercessory Prayer continue. She will put in a budget request for a communications system to be purchased in 2012.

Fr. Kevin: Fr. Kevin asked the Vestry for suggestions of topics to be highlighted at the Annual Meeting, Dec. 4th. Reports on the Capital Campaign, Consecration Sunday, active ministries, and Ruth's House were mentioned. Fr. Kevin said that so far 89 pledges are in. Of that number, 18 were new pledges, 52 pledges were increased and 11 were decreased, for a net gain of \$40,000. 100 pledge cards have been mailed out to those who did not attend the service on the 13th. The Vestry agreed that Consecration Sunday was a good experience and The Very Rev. Mimi Lacey did a great job.

The meeting ended with Compline at 8:15 PM.

The next meeting is December 13th at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Nancy Hamblin, Clerk