

**St. John's Episcopal Church**

**Vestry Meeting Minutes**

**June 11, 2008 (Feast Day of St. Barnabas the Apostle)**

**Present:** Lindsay M. Cannon, Claire Laton-Taylor, Jim Ellis, Nicole Valtz, Rob Watters, Paul Cronin-Swalboski, Alicia Faxon, Tom Ward, Andrew Schieffelin, Lori Deane, Dawn Teserero

**Also Present:** The Reverend Anne Fowler

**Absent:** Manny Fernandez, Vira LeFilippo

The meeting was called to order and opened with a prayer by The Reverend Anne Fowler at 7:33pm.

**Review and Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were approved, no changes needed.

**Rector's Remarks**

Anne mentioned Vestry Meeting date changes (discussed later in the meeting), the Night Chant and rental material. Acknowledged that we had a packed agenda and should move into it as soon as possible. Tom commented that we should recognize all that has been accomplished within the last month.

**New Business**

**I. UPCOMING KEY DATES & SCHEDULING ISSUES**

**A. Silent Auction, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**B. B&G Work Day, June 18<sup>th</sup>**

**C. First PVPS Open House, June 18<sup>th</sup>**

1. There is also a PVPS Open House on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

**D. Shift to Summer Worship Hours, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

1. Service begins at 9:30am.

**E. Next Vestry Meeting, July 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>?**

1. The Next Vestry Meeting will be July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**F. Other Vestry Meeting Dates in Balance of Year**

1. The scheduled Vestry meeting for September will be moved from September 10<sup>th</sup> to September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**G. Vacation Plans & Supply Priests**

1. There will be Morning Prayer on July 6<sup>th</sup>, and one Sunday in August. All the rest of the Sundays in August are taken care of.

## **II. SILENT AUCTION UPDATE**

### **A. Set up, Organization and Food**

1. Set up will occur Friday evening for heavy moving and lifting.
2. Nicole mentioned she preferred to be at St. John's around 12:00pm, so she was given a key. Katie and Nicole will set up donation items. Also mentioned there was a nice collection of donations.
3. Georgia is organizing food.
4. Need more volunteers if available.
5. Chris Ashley is bartending.

## **III. PARISH SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE**

### **A. What has been completed to date**

1. Steps are in, stonework is complete, and engraved bricks have been laid.

### **B. What is left to finish**

1. We are still on track to finish in July.

## **IV. PARISH FINANCES**

### **A. Andrew's Summary of our Status**

1. Revenues are on track.
2. There is potential revenue from tenants to consider.
3. Successful fundraising is still necessary.

### **B. Expenses**

1. Expenses are reasonably under control. Heating in December was an issue.
2. Extra money is available for no longer having to pay a stipend to Gretchen.
3. Will be restoring sprinkler system.

### **C. Tom stressed that we continue to do fundraising**

1. Start thinking of stewardship and pledging.
2. The goal is to be able to take care of operating costs without having a deficit.

### **D. Stewardship**

1. We need long range thinking about where we want to be as a Parish.
2. Andrew reviewed Pine Villiage's use of our space and the effect it would have on operating costs.
3. Anne emphasized that we should not rely on revenue from our tenants. She expressed that pledging and people's commitments are very important. An idea for having a Stewardship Committee came forth.
4. Tom reminded the vestry to think about building up the Community, long term planning and be responsible about addressing other tasks. He also reminded everyone that having other people use the church is going to be a major change.
5. Long term thinking includes Grants.

## **V. SPACE USE INITIATIVES**

### **A. Gay & Lesbian Parents with Newborns Support Group**

1. This group would like move their meetings to St. John based on feedback from other Support Groups. They meet every Friday and are now meeting in Curtis Hall.

2. They met with Tom and are willing to make a donation.
3. Vestry members thought this was a good idea and Rob suggested cleaning or changing the carpet in the Guild Room.

**B. Mary Ehrenreich's Sweet 16 Party on June 21<sup>st</sup>**

1. The leader of Kids and the Arts is hosting a Birthday Day Party for her daughter and will be paying \$350.00.

**C. Kids...Together in the Arts!!!**

1. We will receive \$2,000.00+ for the program's 3 week rental.
2. The dates are July 7<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup>.
3. Rob reviewed the schedule of the Program and what rooms they will be using for their activities.

**VI. NIGHT CHANT**

1. Anne commented on the Night Chant Service in Auburndale that she attended, mentioned it was very interesting and different.
2. The program that Daryl proposed is very ambitious; he would like to do it every week.
3. We have agreed to let them use our space and advertise on our website.
3. Start date TBA

**VII. COFFEE HOUR PROPOSAL (SEE HANDOUT)**

1. Claire presented a proposal regarding Coffee Hour and parishioners being assigned to host Coffee Hour on a rotating basis.
2. Alicia suggested taking into consideration what other activities parishioners are responsible for, such as greeting, reading, flowers, etc.
3. Need to come up with a document of guidelines on hosting Coffee Hour.

**VIII. OTHER ISSUES**

1. Cleaning
2. Need to start thinking about the yard sale coming up in October.

**Meeting was adjourned after a prayer led by the Reverend Anne Fowler at 9:00pm.**