

St. John's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 17, 2008 (St. Hildegard of Bingen, Abbess, Artist & Author)

Present: Lindsay M. Cannon, Alicia Faxon, Lori Deane, Dawn Teserereo, Claire Laton-Taylor, Rob Watter, Paul Cronin-Swalboski, Andrew Schieffelin.

Also Present: The Rev'd Anne Fowler

Absent: Jim Ellis, Tom Ward

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm by the Rev'd Anne Fowler. Anne shared information about St. Hildegard of Bingen. After a prayer from Anne, the meeting began.

Review & Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and approved.

Rector's Remarks

Anne reminded everyone she will be leaving for Italy on September 28th. Anne provided an overview for Fall Clergy Day with Anthony Robinson. She discussed topics that pertained to our own long range planning including: Mission, Vision and Purpose. These are terms we should keep in mind during our long-term planning.

New Business

I. Upcoming Key Dates & Scheduling Issues

- a. **Yard Sale, September 27th:** There will be live art and a bake sale going on during the Yard Sale.
- b. **St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals:** This is scheduled for October 5th.
- c. **October Vestry Meeting, October 8th**
- d. **Installation of Matthew Cadwell, October 9th:** Matthew was a Field Education Student at St. Johns a few years ago and was ordained as a Priest. He has been a Summer Supply Priest at St. Johns. An Invitation will run in the Parish Weekly.
- e. **Diocesan Energy Summit, October 18th**
 1. We have an invitation to send 2 people.
 2. The Diocesan Energy Summit is on the same day as the Progressive Dinner.
 3. Dawn mentioned that Tom recommended someone from the Finance Committee should attend.
- f. **Progressive Dinner, October 18th**
 1. Lori reviewed the planning and other logistics regarding the Progressive Dinner and suggested that we make phone calls Newcomers.
 2. An explanation of what the Progressive Dinner is will going on the website.

3. Andrew suggested placing emphasis on the fundraising component of the Progressive Dinner.

g. Planning Workshop & Potluck Lunch, October 26th

1. This is part of the Strategic Planning that we would like to get accomplished this Fall.
2. The event will begin around 1:00pm following Sunday Service.
3. We would like to have 3-4 fellowship/stewardship events during the year.
4. We need to get childcare for after church and until about 3:00pm.

h. Diocesan Convention, November 7th-8th : Anne will be attending this Convention with 2-3 other people from the Vestry.

II. Yard Sale: Bring items and bring people.

III. Recycling4Green Program (Alicia)

- a. Alicia explained that this is a good way to get rid of items you usually are unsure of how to dispose.

IV. Blessing of the Animals: Invite people and bring your pets, spread the word.

V. Annual Progressive Dinner: This was discussed earlier in the meeting. There was no information to add.

VI. Coffee Hour

- a. Alicia mentioned having a basket to donate money for coffee hour.
- b. Claire reviewed the survey from the Parish.

VII. Sabbatical Committee

- a. Anne has a sabbatical due next Summer (May-August). Anne Minton is interested in doing Sabbatical Coverage. She would be responsible for Sundays and Pastoral Care.
- b. 3 or 4 people will form this committee: Anne will ask Georgia; Dawn has volunteered to sit on the committee; Andrew will participate to help with financial maintenance and offer advice.
- c. The committee will need to meet with Anne Minton.

VIII. Financial Issues Update

- a. Finance Committee Meeting this past Sunday.
 1. Pat has agreed to assist with accounting and bookkeeping.
- b. Status Report on Budget: Good News, Bad News
 1. Revenue is running at about 4% ahead of projection.
 2. Expenses are also running ahead.
 3. Andrew suggested making an appeal to the parish in addition to the Annual Pledge. Rob asked about grants and applying for outside funding.
- c. Transitioning from Katherine Cipolla to Pat Race
 1. Andrew discussed how happy he is about being able to work with Pat.
- d. Rectory Steps
 1. Andrew mentioned they will need to be repaired ASAP.
 2. The Vestry's voted to finance the repair of the steps. This was approved.

IX. Other

1. Someone has requested to have a 50th birthday party at St. Johns. Alcohol will be served and the party will be hosting about 30-40 people. They will be paying rent. It is suggested we have someone at St. Johns to monitor the party. The Vestry voted and the party was approved.

2. The Christmas Tree Sale event is coming up.
3. There is a leak in the back of the Sanctuary that will need to be repaired.
4. We have opted to hire the cleaning crew that Pine Village uses.
5. The Flowers donated for Church Services should go somewhere after Service. If the person that donated the flowers does not want them, Claire suggested they be taken to a nursing home, for example.

Closing Prayer/Finish

Anne closed the meeting with a prayer at 9:10am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lindsay M. Cannon, Clerk