

## **St. John's Episcopal Church**

### **Vestry Meeting Minutes**

**October 8, 2008 (Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln)**

#### **Minutes**

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

**Also Present:** Rev'd Anne Fowler

**Absent:** Paul Cronin-Swalboski

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm with an opening prayer from the Rev'd Anne Fowler. Anne shared information about Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln.

#### **Review & Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed and approved.

#### **Rector's Remarks**

Anne mentioned she had a wonderful trip to Italy. She shared a handout she created from attending Clergy Day with Anthony Robinson. Anne also reported that everyone had a fun Blessing of the Animals Day. Alicia commented that Vira's ads in the Gazette were exceptional.

#### **New Business**

##### **I. Upcoming Key Dates & Scheduling Issues**

- a. **Diocesan Energy Summit:** Dawn and Andrew are attending.
- b. **Progressive Dinner, October 18th:** This will begin at 6:00pm.
- c. **Planning Workshop & Potluck Lunch, October 26<sup>th</sup>.**
- d. **Diocesan Convention, November 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>:** Anne will be attending.
- e. **Next Vestry Meeting, November 12th**

##### **II. Providing Input & Support to Our Delegates to the Diocesan Energy Summit & Diocesan Convention**

- a. Speak with Dawn and Andrew with any concerns you may have regarding energy.
- b. Speak with Chris and Helen regarding the Convention.
- c. Anne mentioned there will be fuel scholarships available. We will be looking for details regarding these scholarships and take advantage of them when they are available.

### **III. Plans for Progressive Dinner**

- a. Need more volunteers!
- b. Alicia suggested getting directions to Tom.
- c. Phone call tree
  - Anne will give Lori a newcomer list.
- d. Still looking for someone to help with childcare.
  - Andrew suggested a Pine Village teacher.
- e. E-mail Lori with anything you want to donate.
  - She still needs salads, appetizers, entrees and desserts.

### **IV. Planning Workshop & Potluck Lunch**

- a. Need help coordinating this event.
- b. Frank will not arrive until around 1:00pm.
- c. We should serve lunch right after church.
- d. One-on-ones:
  - What brought you to St. John's?
  - What keeps you coming to St. John's?
- e. There will be no dismissal or coffee prior to these 10 minute conversations. This is considered to be part of the service.

### **V. Newcomer-Focused Stewardship Program**

- a. We want to have at least 2 events. Georgia, Tom and Alicia have all agreed to host an event.
- b. All the information presented at these programs would be the same, despite the different times the programs may occur.
  - The idea is to have one be a brunch, another program be a lunch, and then have one as a dinner depending on people's availability.
- c. We would like this to happen in November.
- d. Conversations will be guided by an outline for the host.

### **VI. Committee for Sabbatical & Supply Priest Coverage in 2008**

- a. This committee would think about both Sabbatical and other days that Anne will be absent.
- b. Georgia and Dawn have agreed to sit on the committee with Tom and Andrew.
- c. Jim asked about budgeting for Priest Coverage during Sabbatical.
- d. The committee needs to get together with Anne M.

### **VII. Financial & PSP Update**

- a. Yard Sale was successful, raised ~\$2, 230.00.
- b. Rental Income from Pine Village is helping.
- c. We are working on a Certificate of Occupancy.
- d. There is an issue with the floor. Rob is working with the contractor to address the lifting of the floor.

### **VIII. Other**

- a. Coffee Hour: The new system will begin November 2, 2008. We had a good number of responses.

- b. Alicia made an announcement about Recycling 4 Green. She reminded everyone about the specifics of what can be recycled.
- c. Flowers: Claire created a memo to post at the back of the Church regarding flowers that are donated for service.
- d. Andrew ordered Christmas Trees

**Closing Prayer/Finish**

Anne closed the meeting with a prayer at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lindsay M. Cannon, Clerk