

St. John's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 10th, 2008

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

Also Present: The Reverend Anne Fowler

Absent: Vira DeFilippo, Manny Fernandez

Start/Opening Prayer

7:35pm, Anne opened with a prayer.

Review & Approval of Minutes

Minutes from November and December will be reviewed and approved at the January Vestry Meeting.

Rector's Remarks

Anne read a note from Brian, Kelly and Mabel Gallagher regarding Mabel's Baptism.

New Business

1. Upcoming Key Dates

a. **Advent III (with Advent Study Group at 9a.m), 12/14**

b. **Last Wednesday Evening Eucharist in Advent, 12/17**

-This is a lovely, intimate service. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

c. **Advent IV (with last Advent Study Group), 12/21**

d. **Christmas Eve Services, 12/24**

-There was a request to have a children's afternoon service.

-Tom and Rob mentioned areas of where this announcement will be placed.

-Adult Service is at 7:30pm.

e. **Christmas Morning Service, 12/25**

f. **Christmas I, 12/28**

-This will most likely be a morning prayer.

g. **Next Vestry Meeting, 1/14**

h. **Parish Annual Meeting, 1/25**

i. **Possible MLK Event**

-Peter Terry proposed an event around MLK Day as an appreciation to us for letting them use the sanctuary.

j. **Compline Service**

-There was a large attendance of people from outside of St. John's.

2. Update from Vestry Nominating Committee

-Alicia and Tom have talked to 6 of the 7 names on the list. Spaces are still open.

3. Update from Sabbatical Committee

a. Tom met with Ann Minton, reviewed the logistics of Sabbatical coverage.

-Ann is very flexible with her schedule.

- Discussed hours, 10-15 hrs./week.
- Would like to attend Vestry Meetings and meet with Wardens.
- Would like to make herself available as needed.
- We need work out what we can afford, what we need her to do and what other resources are available to help with this.

4. Update from Christmas Tree Sale

- Andrew mentioned that, weather permitting; we could possibly sell out this weekend.
- Have cleared \$9300.
- Still looking for volunteers to open and close.
- Will need to edit the Ad in the paper.

5. Results from Fellowship Events

- Tom said they turned out great.
- Lots of people attended, had a great turnout.
- Would like to have more events since they were so successful.

6. Report on Initial Results from Stewardship Campaign

- Andrew reviewed pledges.
- Anne suggested that she, Tom and Alicia review the list and create a contact list of names for Vestry members to call.

7. Report from Boston Landmarks Commission Meeting

- Tom reviewed information that was shared at this meeting.
- The church and surrounding homes are on the historical register.
- The purpose of the group is to create parameters to control any changes or alterations to the buildings.

8. Outreach Opportunity: Angel Food Ministries

- Rob explained the program: distributes Food across the Nation (see handout).
- Looking for an organization to distribute food.
- Alicia discussed her experience at the St. James Food Bank.
- Nicole shared that she thought we were geographically located in a place where there are people at risk.
- Andrew made a point that this is an opportunity to do something.
- Anne suggested we do some careful prep work.
- Rob briefly discussed an internal test run.
- Anne delegated some tasks.

9. Other

Closing Prayer/Finish

Closing prayer led by Rev. Anne Fowler

Respectfully Submitted,
Lindsay M. Cannon