

St. John's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 14th, 2009 (Saint Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers)

Present: Tom Ward, Nicole Valtz, Rob Watters, Dawn Teserero, Andrew Schiefflin, Jim Ellis, Lori Deane, Lindsay M. Cannon

Absent: Paul Cronin-Swalboski, Vira DeFilippo, Claire Laton-Taylor, Manny Fernandez

Also Absent: The Reverend Anne Fowler

Start/Opening Prayer

Tom opened with a prayer and a few words about Saint Hilary at 7:35pm.

Review & Approval of Minutes

Minutes from November and December 2008 were approved.

New Business

1. Upcoming Key Dates

a. "Inauguration Fiesta", 1/20

-This event will begin at 7:00pm. Let people know about this event, everyone is welcome.

b. Parish Work Day & Angel Food Pick-Up, 1/24

-Rob reviewed the procedures of Angel Food Pick-up.

-Rob will be going with the members of the church in Raynham to see how it works.

c. Parish Annual Meeting, 1/25

-Andrew suggested we have small finger food, such as sandwiches and chips available.

-Lori agreed this was a better idea than trying to figure out how to keep food warm.

-Requests were made to have the food outside of the parish hall.

-Dawn will be checking in with Megan regarding childcare.

-Tom will be taking care of drinks.

d. Next Vestry Meeting, 2/11

e. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at Rectory, 2/24

f. Ash Wednesday, 2/25

2. Update on Stewardship Campaign

-We are now up to \$104,000 in pledges.

-We are also expecting more pledges to come in.

-Tom mentioned he is interested in doing another Newcomer event sometime in early March.

3. Update on Parish Finances & 2009 Budget

-Andrew will circulate the budget to the Vestry for suggestions, questions and comments prior to the Annual Meeting.

-Tom offered a brief synopsis of what was expected to happen with the budget in 2009.

4. Status Report from Nominating Committee

- Nicole has agreed to be Senior Warden!
- Chris Ashley and Rebecca Young have both agreed to join the Vestry.
- Linda McMahn is thinking about joining.
- Lindsay needs to evaluate her schedule for the next year and is thinking about remaining another year as Clerk.
- We will still need a 4th member.

5. Preparations for Parish Annual Meeting

- All the committees will need to create a report, reviewing the year.
- Rob will be presenting the Angel Food Ministries Project, but not taking orders.
- All reports are due to Lindsay by Wednesday, January 21st. She will compile all the reports into a document and communicate with Tom regarding printing the reports.

6. Moving Forward with Angel Food Ministries

- Our application will be processed soon.
- Rob is still working on the logistics of the project and will be proceeding slowly.

7. Hosting Alzheimer's Support Group

- We have been asked to host a monthly Support Group on Mondays, once a month, downstairs.
- Andrew disagreed with being able to host the group that evening since there are two other groups at the church already on Monday evenings.
- Without suggesting another day to have the group, we may not be able to host the Alzheimer's Group.
- We will need to revisit this issue.

8. Other

- Tom shared some information about a program called Partakers and a flyer with details about the program.
 - o This program was introduced by Chris Beukman, last Sunday's guest speaker.
 - o Anne is also attempting to bring a representative from the Framingham Women's Prison. There is a lack of support for Womens' Prisons.
- Andrew read a note we received with a \$500 contribution from the Architects.

Closing Prayer/Finish

Tom closed the meeting with prayer at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lindsay M. Cannon, Clerk