

St. John's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 11th, 2009 (Saint Gregory the Great, Bishop)

Present: Nicole Valtz, Andrew Schieffelin, Dawn Teserero, Jim Ellis, Chris Ashley, Rebecca Young, Ed Stedman/Margaret Stedman, Rob Watters, Lee Haller, Lindsay Cannon

Also Present: Rev. Anne Fowler

Absent: Lori Deane, Claire Laton-Taylor, Paul Cronin-Swalboski

Start/Opening Prayer

Anne opened with a prayer and brief introduction about Saint Gregory the Great at 7:32pm.

Review & Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved.

Rector's Remarks

Anne discussed how appreciative she was to be supported by and part of the community at St. John's during this difficult time.

New Business

1. Upcoming Dates

a. Lenten programs

-Nicole encouraged everyone to attend the Wednesday Services, and to invite other to attend as well.

-Anne said the Lenten Morning Group has been well attended and everyone seems to be enjoying the reading material.

b. Parish Work Day & Angel Food Pick-Up, 3/28

c. Next Vestry Meeting, 4/8

d. Approval for McCarthy celebration

-They have asked to have a birthday celebration at the church and need approval from the Vestry. Vestry approved of the party.

e. Playful parenting workshop 4/23 6-9pm

-JP Moms is holding a workshop at St. John's. The workshop may already be full, but Rebecca will check and see if there are any openings available.

2. Miscellany

a. Hospitality for March 29th Nightsong Program

-Anne will check with Daryl to see what the plans are for the Program. If he is still planning to have the program, refreshments after the program, similar to coffee hour, will need to be set up and available.

b. Support for Hannah and Sam Steiner

-Nicole expressed how amazed she was with the support that the St. John's community provided for Hannah.

-Anne also thanked everyone that was involved in helping them out.

3. Spring Newcomer Fellowship events

a. March 21, 4-7 at Tom Ward's

b. April 18, 4-7 at Nicole Valtz's

c. Vestry Participation

-Nicole encouraged everyone on the Vestry to attend these events. Anne added that it would be nice for newcomers to meet long time members of the community.

-Anne added that the Pancake Dinner went very well and was a terrific event.

4. Angel Food Ministries

a. Tutorial

-Rob explained what Angel Food Ministries is for the new Vestry Members and discussed details of his experience with the church in Rayhnam. He also provided details of the process re: the collection of the food from Hudson.

b. Review of collections to date

c. Expanding parish support

-Rob suggested we have 3-4 people from our church for pick-up in Hudson, however thinks we will eventually gain enough orders to have a truck deliver to St. John's.

Volunteers will also be needed for distribution once the food arrives at the St. John's.

d. Increasing parish awareness

-Anne encouraged the Vestry to talk to the Parishioners. She will also include the topic in an upcoming sermon.

e. Monthly collection for Baptist Church Grocery Card Program

-Rob reiterated we get \$1 per box. Any excess will be for the grocery card program.

-Nicole and Anne are discussing the possibility for a separate collection to be taken up for the program.

5. Other Business

a. Diocesan Retreat

-Ed gave details on his experience at the retreat.

-The overall/take away message was an emphasis on Community, for Christian Communities to come together.

b. JP Clergy

-Rob and Anne will be getting together to discuss Angel Food Ministries and the JP Clergy.

Closing Prayer/Finish

Anne gave a closing prayer at 8:48PM.