

St. John's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 8th 2009
(William Augustus Muhlenberg)

Present: Paul Cronin-Swalboski, Chris Ashley, Rebecca Young, Nicole Valtz, Lindsay M. Cannon, Andrew Schieffelin, Dawn Teserero, Lori Deane, Margaret Stedman.

Also Present: Rev. Anne Fowler

Absent: Rob Watters, Claire Laton-Taylor, Lee Haller

Start/Opening Prayer

Review & Approval of Minutes

Anne shared details about what her typical weekly schedule is like (“a week in the life...”). This also included details about Holy Week. Every week for her has a different series and variety of events for her to address.

New Business

1. UPCOMING DATES

a. Holy Week Schedule

-Services are at 7:30pm and Sunday Service is at 10:30am.

b. Parish Work Day & Angel Food Pick-up, April 25th

c. Next Vestry Meeting, May 13

-This meeting will be with Anne Minton

d. Playful Parenting Workshop, April 23rd

e. Spring Newcomer Event, April 18th

f. Anne's last Sunday: April 26th

-There are also other “last” days for Parishioners that are moving.

2. SABBATICAL PLANNING

a. Scope of Anne Minton's role

- We need to give Anne M. a better idea of what will be required of her.

b. Update from Sabbatical Committee

-Tom met with Anne Minton and Anne has also talked with her.

-Planning to get together about other pastoral needs.

-Nicole also spoke with Anne Minton. Need to figure out if there are any other concerns we have that Anne M. should know about.

-Need to remind Anne M. about the time change. She has already been made aware of other events going during Sabbatical.

-For other major decisions, Anne M. will decide along with Nicole and Rob (and Andrew if necessary).

c. Welcoming Newcomers

-greeting Sunday morning for anyone that may have arrived early and are sitting in the pews.

-follow up

-A sign up for the Vestry will be created to be sure a few people are here to greet any newcomers before and after the service.

-Someone needs to take on the role of contacting the newcomers.

d. Leadership Exercise

-Anne thought it would be good idea for Vestry Members to take a few minutes and think about what strengths they bring to the Vestry and what strengths they have to offer. Think about strengths as they relate to leadership.

-Everyone shared and had great thoughts.

3. UPCOMING DATES POST-APRIL

a. Silent Auction Planning

-Volunteers to lead: Dawn will be leading the planning and will find out when the school Picnic is happening.

Proposed Date: June 20th?

b. Steve's last Sunday: May 10th

-Steve will be preaching

-Chris will be helping with his Goodbye

c. Marie's last Sunday: May 24th

-Chris will be reading Morning Prayer

d. Alzheimer's Support Group: May 20th

-Anne gave Nicole the schedule of when they will be meeting.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

-Rebecca will be taking photos of the Vestry that may be posted on the website.

-Pine Village Playground?

5. Dawn's Discernment Process

-Dawn has been meeting with Anne re: call to Ministry.

-Anne shared details about how this process works, what it generally entails and who is on the discernment committee. The meat of this process will be going on when Anne is on Sabbatical.

Closing Prayer/Finish

Anne closed with a prayer at 9:05pm.