

St. John's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2009

Present: Rob Watters, Lee Haller, Claire Laton-Taylor, Chris Ashley, Nicole Valtz, Rebecca Young, Margaret Stedman, Andrew Schieffelin, Lori Deane, Jim Ellis.

Also Present: Anne Minton, Sabbatical Priest

Absent: Dawn Teserero, Lindsay M. Cannon, Paul Cronin-Swalboski, Anne Fowler-on sabbatical

Start/Opening Prayer

Review & Approval of Minutes

Anne Fowler needs to be listed as "Absent" on sabbatical.

Marie needs to be listed as "Also Present" as Micah Intern.

Anne Minton should be listed as "Also Present" Sabbatical Priest.

Sabbatical Priest's Remarks

We have the blessing of Jenna and Natasha's wedding on June 27th and baptisms in June and July.

New Business

1. Upcoming Dates

a. Parish Work Day: June 17

- Parish workdays switch to the evening during the summer.

b. Silent Auction: June 20, 6:00pm.

- The Silent Auction is a week from Saturday

c. Angel Food Pick-up: June 27

d. First Thursday concert: July 2, 7:30pm

-The next First Thursday concert is July 2nd

-Jim reports turnout was not great but the music was wonderful.

e. Next Vestry Meeting July 8

f. No August Vestry Meeting

g. 9:30 am schedule will begin July 5

-Summer schedule starts the first Sunday in July and continues through Labor Day.

-Jim is making a new 9:30 sign to put out front, and Chuck has updated the website accordingly.

2. Pine Villiage Playground Proposal

a. Update from Mass Historical Commission

-Rebecca's main suggestion from the Historical Commission was to use natural materials and low-key aesthetics. If it did not impact the building itself and is removable, it should be fine. A serious site plan they could probably approve within a week, and they would need to.

b. Update from PVP

-Emma from Pine Villiage has presented an estimate from Reliable Fencing, with wood and vinyl options. Wood is preferable in most ways, but we would need Pine Villiage to be responsible for maintenance up to the neighborhood's standards.

-The existing trash structure would move uphill, under the sacristy windows.

-We will ask them to pick a fence closer to the neighborhood aesthetic than a plain picket, stained dark.

c. Discussion and questions

-Jim moves we appoint Rebecca, Andrew and Rob as a subcommittee to negotiate the exact fence model chosen. If our preference is 10% above the cost of the vinyl fence, the subcommittee will report back to the Vestry to reconsider. Chris seconds. Motion is adopted.

3. Angel Food Ministries

a. Update

-Rob needs help staffing the in-person ordering hours. He'll be away the first two weeks of August and wants to train volunteers in July. He'll also need someone at the church at 8:00am on pickup days to coordinate the volunteers who show up that day, and someone else who recruits and follows up with them during the month.

b. Planning and support needed: Rota

-Our action this month will be to brainstorm and organize roles, so we can set up a rota next month.

4. Treasurer Report

a. Approval of parochial reports

-Parochial reports are our demographic and financial summaries for the diocese and onward. The vestry must approve them. We need to approve both 2007 (which was never filed) and 2008 (which is due). Margaret moves 2007, Lee seconds, and the motion is adopted. Lori moves 2008, Lee seconds, and motion is adopted.

b. Funding for piano and organ repairs

-As of 3/31/09, the Ada Courage Organ Fund had about \$23,300 and the piano fund about \$6600. The organ work would be by Henri Lachaise & Son per their proposal of 2/9/09 for \$12,255; more research is needed about the piano. We vote to approve release of funds for the organ work.

5. Silent Auction Update

a. Volunteers needed!

-Dawn needs more volunteers

6. Miscellaneous Business

a. Vestry profiles online

b. Sumner Hill “Best Neighbor Award”

-The Sumner Hill Association has given St. John’s its Good Neighbor Award for our sensitivity to the neighborhood in the midst of our renovations.

c. Report on building and grounds meeting

d. Child care during the summer

7. Other business

8. Closing Prayer/Finish

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