

9/13 Vestry meeting

Grace Church Vestry Meeting

September 19, 2013 5:30 p.m., 21 State Street office

Present: Kathy Clausen, Geoff Perkins, John Cheek, Susan Gray, Ian Booton, Sally Brooke, Sue Gore, Rick Gore, Dindy Anderson, Louise Robitaille

Away: Rev. Francie Hills

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Senior Warden Clausen. Chaplain Ian Booton led us in Dwelling in the Word. The minutes of the August 15 Vestry meeting were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Geoff Perkins distributed the report (attached) mentioning that the current pledge estimate is actually larger than shown on the sheet. It was suggested that the Altar Guild be broken out as a separate fund. The report was accepted as given.

Committee/Other Reports

Building Committee: Rick Gore reminded the Vestry that this was its first meeting in the new office space. The gas and electric accounts have been switched to Grace Church. After discussion it was decided to repaint and re-carpet the space, install new ceiling tiles and see what is possible for signage. While the space will not be entirely handicapped-accessible, when the two bathrooms are upgraded the larger one will be. An altar will be installed before the next meeting. We will await the hiring of a new rector to decide about other additions - rugs, office furniture, etc. It was agreed that the space would be open to all to inspect following services on September 15, 22 and 29.

Wisdom Group: Kathy Clausen said that the group had had a "substantive" discussion. It is beginning to see its role as a clearing house for missional work, with ideas brought to it by others as well as by members. There is a strong desire to connect with local groups. "Pass-through" events will continue as desired by members of the congregation, such as two upcoming events: a coat drive sponsored by Berkshire South, and the annual walk to benefit Construct. Matching funds, with a \$500 cap, will be made available to the UTO, which will be presented to the Diocesan Convention in October, as well as to Lenten donations to ERD.

Year-round Stewardship: John Cheek reported that Viola Bagnaschi had given the first brief talk of the anticipated series.

Rector's Report: There was no Rector's Report or Pastoral Report owing to Francie's absence.

New Business:

Replacement of Alternate Delegates: Dindy Anderson agreed to replace John Cheek, who will be away, as an Alternate Delegate from the Vestry to the 2013 Diocesan Convention in October. It was agreed to ask Mary Booton to replace Elizabeth Holland as Alternate Delegate from the Congregation to the convention as well. The clerk will file the appropriate papers with the Diocese.

Parish Profile: Kathy Clausen reported that a rough draft of Grace's Parish Profile had been completed. It was agreed that the salary range offered a new rector or priest-in-charge should be included. She said that there was under one year's worth of income and budget to show in the profile, so it was important to show the financial assets both of St. George's and St. James as they came together, and the outcome so far.

Goodbye lunch for Francie: Sue Gore announced it will take place after church on November 24, at Crissey Farm, and will be catered by Crissey Farm.

The meeting concluded at 7:09 with a prayer by Ian Booton.

Respectfully submitted, Sally N. Brooke, Clerk of the Vestry

August Financial Report

Income	August	YTD	YTD Budgeted																	
Giving																				
Current Year Pledge	\$13,995	\$88,891	\$97,120																	
Loose Plate Offering	\$813	\$3,490	\$3,000																	
Special Offering	(\$401)	\$866	\$0																	
Money from Investments	\$0	\$32,766	\$30,424																	
Other Operating Income																				
Breaking Bread Reimbursement	\$150	\$375	\$304																	
Giving for Flowers	\$60	\$780	\$1,184																	
Total Income	\$14,617	\$127,168	\$132,032																	
Expenses																				
Space Related Expenses																				
Insurance	\$0	\$1,424	\$1,200																	
Rental and Set-Up	\$1,440	\$11,880	\$12,200																	
Storage	\$340	\$1,530	\$2,224																	
Worship Expenses																				
Altar Guild	\$22	\$1,142	\$152																	
Flowers Expense	\$0	\$507	\$920																	
Hospitality Expense	\$0	\$24	\$175																	
Supply Musicians	\$0	\$24	\$200																	

