

Grace Church Vestry Meeting

February 20, 2014 5:45pm Grace Church Office, 67 State Road, GB

Present: Kathy Clausen, Rick Gore, Susan Gray, Geoff Perkins, Sue Gore, Ian Booton, John Cheek

Absent: Louise Robitaille, Sarah Sieber

The meeting was called to order by Senior Warden, Kathy Clausen, at 5:47pm. Kathy then led us in Dwelling in the Word.

The minutes from the December 20, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

The only correspondence was a thank you note from Berkshire Grown for our donation of \$250.00.

Treasurer's Report: Geoff is working with Bruce Rockwell on a date for the Audit. The Parochial Report was accepted.

Property/Buildings Committee: Rick Gore reported that the arrangement of the office/meeting space is finished, and the chapel area now has a drape on the wall to mark its space. The next major project will be the rector's office. Rick is looking ahead to doing a clean-out of the storage areas later in the spring. There was a discussion about what to do with the organ from St. James. John will check out some options.

Search Committee: John Cheek reported that there are two parish visits coming up. They should be finished by March 16.

New Business: Kathy Clausen reported on a meeting planned with St. Paul's and Christ-Trinity for April 1. The group that met on Feb. 15, will continue discussing how we can cooperate as three Episcopal/Lutheran parishes. Pam Mott will facilitate the discussion. John Cheek and Sue Gore will join Kathy this time.

As a joint effort of the three south county Episcopal/Lutheran churches and at the suggestion of Annie Ryder, we will underwrite the Mayfest fundraiser for Construct (held at Crissey Farm). Our amount will be \$333 and that will come from the Wisdom line in the budget.

We will check with St. Paul's and Christ-Trinity for Holy Week schedules. They should be put in the Shopper's Guide.

A scholarship of \$500.00 will be given to David Cunliffe, a student at Liberty University, (also Ted Cobden's grandson) for a mission trip to

Bolivia. David will work alongside shoe shiners, who are viewed as the lowest of the low to experience their situation. The shoe shiners will be invited to learn of God's love by the missionary team. The scholarship is given on the advice of the Grants and Scholarship Committee.

The head of Bridge, Gwendolyn Van Sant will receive a \$500.00 grant to continue her training as a community leader. She is taking a course at Kripalu and has already received funding from other sources. She applied for the Grant through the Grants and Scholarship Committee.

The Church School children will be working on a Lenten project called Nets for Life, to raise money to provide netting to protect against mosquitoes and prevent malaria in Africa. The project is from Episcopal Relief and Development. Should we put cans in the community to collect money?

The idea of an Open House for the neighbors around the office was discussed. No date was set.

Sue Gore is interested in starting a spiritual study group for folks who don't go to church. She has done this in Lee. It is a 12 week program.

Advertising and doing a new brochure were discussed.

The meeting ended with a prayer at 7:30

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gray, Clerk of the Vestry