

## **Vestry Meeting Minutes**

**3/8/10**

### **Attendance:**

**Voting** - Ruth Beard (Junior Warden), Laura Buel, Paul Harrington (Senior Warden), Dick Herrmann, Diane Holland, Angela Simpson, Ed Skea, Bob Uerz

**Non-Voting** – n/a

**Opening Prayer:** Led by Angela.

**Last Meeting's Minutes:** Approved. Action items reviewed.

### **General Business:**

Light bulbs – Ruth spoke to the Stewardship Committee, which fully supports the idea of switching to CFLs in the church, but the members do not feel it is necessarily appropriate that they be the main fundraising unit for this project. Ruth will (ACTION ITEM) write a piece for the upcoming Chronicle about the switch and accompanying costs. Bob proposed the idea of publishing a “menu” of church needs at varying levels of donation. We agreed to discuss this idea at a future Vestry meeting.

The church is not listed in the local white pages or yellow pages. Paul will (ACTION ITEM) ask Jackie to take care of making sure we are listed in future editions.

There have been several recent incidents of theft (coats, etc.). A recent theft of food during an AA meeting was also discussed. Dick will (ACTION ITEM) put a note in the Chronicle about keeping your belongings with you during services and not leaving personal items unattended.

### **Properties:**

Ruth is having trouble connecting with the plumber regarding various open plumbing issues but will continue to coordinate these repairs.

There was discussion of adding a table and additional chairs to the choir robing room so that it could act as additional meeting space, particularly so that our next Vestry meeting with representatives from the Diocese could be held there. Ruth will (ACTION ITEM) alert the choir on Wednesday, and anyone available will (ACTION ITEM) meet after Sunday's 10:00 am service to add a table and chairs and straighten the room.

There was a brief discussion of using the Taplin Auditorium as rehearsal space and other meeting space, but no formal action was taken.

### **Financials:**

After discussion of the proceeds of the sale of the rectory, the following motion was made and adopted:

Conditional upon approval from the Diocese, we will:

1. Create a rectory fund as a subset of our Diocesan Unit Trust.

2. Deposit the balance of the sale of the rectory (\$116,015.40) into this rectory fund. The principal of this account may be used toward the future purchase of a rectory. In the interim, the interest will contribute toward the interim pastor's (and eventually, the rector's) housing allowance.
3. Deposit the balance of the Fidelity mortgage on our former rectory (\$57,116.74) into the Diocesan Unit Fund with no stipulations as to its use. The Fidelity mortgage has been released.
4. Deposit the check representing the buyers' pro-rated share of the rectory fuel (\$430.49) into the church's general checking account.

Sarah was able to create and distribute a balance sheet from PowerChurch, and has corrected the errors in the 2008 Parochial Report.

A motion was made and adopted that the Treasurer will not be authorized to disburse monies from any of the church's investment accounts, including but not limited to the Fidelity Brokerage, Diocesan Unit Trust and Sentinel accounts, without the express authorization of the Vestry. This aligns with Sarah's current understanding, as she has expressed discomfort with making these types of disbursements in the past.

### **Communications:**

We discussed the upcoming issue of the Chronicle. There will be a March 15 deadline for content submission with a planned March 21 printing for a March 28 in-home date at the latest. This issue should include schedules for Holy Week and Easter Week.

### **Interim Update:**

Laura will (ACTION ITEM) get keys to Ann.

Paul will (ACTION ITEM) deliver a desk that he is donating to Ann's office.

### **Next Meeting:**

Monday 3/22 at 7:00 at the church. Members should (ACTION ITEM) read the "Calling New Clergy" document that was distributed via email before this meeting, particularly the section on forming a ministry search committee. Our Companion will attend the next meeting, along with Susan Ohlidahl.