

Vestry Meeting Minutes
8/16/11

Attendance :

Voting: Paul Harrington, Ruth Beard, Ed Skea, Dianne Holland, Josh Fitzhugh, Steve Reynes Missing: Bob Uerz, Dick Herman, Sharon Winn Fannon. Non-voting: Rev Ann Grady, Alan Gilbert, Maggie Thompson, Pat Carruth, Peter Mallory, Sharon Wilson.

General Business:

The meeting came to order with a prayer at 7:05 pm at the offices of the Vermont Medical Society. At the request of the Senior Warden, on a motion duly made and seconded, the Vestry went into Executive Session. The Senior Warden asked members of the Ministry Discernment Committee (MDC) to stay.

At 7:42 pm the Vestry came out of Executive Session. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Vestry then voted unanimously to call Paul Habersang of South Glastonbury CT to be Christ Church's new Priest in Partnership. Paul (Harrington) left to call Paul (Habersang) and Bishop Ely. Paul asked Ruth to preside.

A motion was then made to approve the minutes of the July 12 Vestry meeting. All aye. Regarding action items from those minutes, Ruth said she was still waiting for another estimate for repair to the basement to conclude her insurance claim relating to the May flood. (Action Item)

Rev. Grady said her last service would be Sept 25 and that she would discuss with the Diocesan office an overlap with Paul Habersang. She said the Bishop was intending to visit the parish Oct 9 with a reception following the 10 am service. Linda Knowlton of Church Insurance had called; we will have a \$213 premium increase in 2012. Ann noted that the audit had begun and that the auditor said the Vestry needed to approve the treasurer's report each month.

Ed reported for the Finance Committee. The treasurer's report of Aug 6 was reviewed. Ed is looking for someone to chair the stewardship efforts at year end but that he hoped to have that selection concluded by the next meeting. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report of August 6.

Ruth reported that Sara Jarvis (Montpelier Alive) had expressed an interest in maintaining the courtyard. Ruth said she would report on this at a later meeting (Action Item). There was then discussion about use of the property by Chris Brown and a Montpelier taxi company. The Vestry consensus was that the parking lot should be available for Church patrons and not a commercial enterprise. The Senior Warden was asked to discuss this with Chris. (Action Item). There was also discussion regarding the vendor space off State Street.

Ruth said Hi Lo Arts wanted to paste some pictures on a shed wall on the back (south) side of the church. Photos of the pictures were distributed and a discussion about Hi Lo. On a motion made and seconded, the Vestry voted to approve the project for a two-month display.

The Senior Warden returned. He said Dave Blythe had agreed to follow up on the deeds items referenced in the July 12 minutes. (Action Item) Paul said he would get out letters to the congregation regarding the choice of Paul Habersang.

On a motion then made by Diane, seconded by Steve, the Vestry resolved to thank the Ministry Discernment Committee for their work in the call to Paul Habersang.

At the request to Josh, the Vestry at 8:15 pm voted to go back into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. At 8:55 pm the group came out of Executive Session, whereupon Diane Holland was asked and gave a short prayer and the meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

s/ Josh Fitzhugh
Acting Secretary