

VESTRY MINUTES

August 18, 2011

The meeting, which was held in the new Conference Room, was opened by Fr. Paul with prayer at 6:31 p.m.

Present: Fr. Paul, Rich Page, Dean Logemann, Allan Creely, Yvonne Franklin, Emily Gustafson, Linda Council, Joe McCulley, Steve Merrill, Ken Sagendorf, Marilyn Wright, and the Rev. Sally Hubbel

Absent: Lee Kulbitski

REPORTS:

Fr. Paul: The minutes of the June 16, 2011 Vestry meeting were approved as written.

Finance: The financial state of the church remains positive with income approximately \$16k ahead of estimates. All income categories are ahead of budget estimates. YTD expenses are over spent by \$1.8K.

Ministry Teams Reports:

Connecting: Donna Caraway has assumed the position of Co-chair. Yvonne Franklin reported that a women's luncheon will be held on October 1, and that it will include a fashion show with women modeling clothes obtained from the Thrift House. The proceeds from Fashion Show clothing purchases will go to the Thrift House. This is also a fundraiser in support of the Youth Pilgrimage that will take place this coming summer. A bunko party is scheduled for September 16. Saint Michael's Day is on September 25th and Saint Michael's participation in the Race For The Cure will be on September 11th.

Sending: Joe McCulley reported that the next meeting of the committee is scheduled for August 25.

Nurturing: NTR

Gathering: New members are sought for this team, particularly in light of Fr. Paul's retirement. Rich Page noted that parishioners will be asked to shoulder more individual responsibility and that ministry teams and their sub-committees will find it necessary to get together more frequently to ensure that the work of the church moves smoothly into the future. The Gathering Team will host the October 26 Church Night. The program will be hymn sing.

Other Reports:

Eagle Scout Project: Dean Logemann reported that Bobby Fricke completed his Eagle Scout project to repair and clean up the picnic area and other projects. His work was done very well

and it is greatly appreciated. Other Vestry members mentioned that they would like to be observers at the ceremony when he becomes an Eagle Scout.

Memorial Garden/Columbarium: Allan Creely said that the Memorial Garden/Columbarium Committee had not met for some time and that it was time to have another meeting. He hoped to be able to have that meeting in October to: bring the committee up to date as to the activities of the past few years, seek additional members for the committee, and to devise a plan to re-invigorate participation in the project by church members.

OLD BUSINESS:

Office Renovation: Fr. Paul said that the office renovation was almost complete. The remaining issues to be worked on were: the alarm system, some lights, the door to the office, and some furniture purchases. The renovation cost is expected to be under \$136.8K, a figure that is less than the budgeted amount.

Long Range Planning: Dean Logemann reported that the Long Range Planning Committee had reviewed their initial work and had made adjustments to the plan that attempts to specify the amount of money required to repair/replace/upgrade major items in the church, such as air conditioners, roofs, carpeting, windows etc. for the years 2012-2021. The final report of the committee will be presented at the September Vestry meeting. Fr. Paul called the project very important because it gives Saint Michael's a solid basis on which to make financial decisions in the future.

New Business:

Transition: Rich Page opened a wide ranging discussion about the transition that will occur before and after the retirement of Fr. Paul and Nancy. He stressed again the necessity for all members of St. Michael's to assume greater responsibilities for the business of the church. For those currently in leadership positions (Vestry members and Ministry Team leaders) to coordinate their activities even more closely than they have. To that end, Rich proposed a meeting on a Saturday morning to plan a strategy to make that coordination a reality. The discussion continued among all members of the Vestry and included questions concerning the particulars of the timing of a Search Committee's activities, the role and the particulars of an Interim Rector, and questions that will undoubtedly arise from church members. Fr. Paul answered some of the questions noting that the Bishop's representative, the Rev. Canon Lou Blanchard, will meet with the Vestry at its September Vestry meeting and address transition issues. She will also be with us on Sunday, October 2, to speak in the Adult Forum.

Allan Creely
Acting Clerk of the Vestry

Next Meeting: September 15 at 6:30 p.m.