

Vestry Meeting January 19, 2011

St. Paul's Episcopal Church – 7:00 PM

(unapproved)

Attending: Shea Weidner, Charlie Russell, Martha McNair, Ellen Hayward, Dale Green, Loyd Swope, Terri Chadick, Greg Puckett, Linda Eilers

Vestry-elect: Jeremy Pate, Alan Wilbourn, Sara Milford (Clerk)

Staff: Lowell Grisham, Suzi Freeman

Absent: Christine Klinger, Rolf Wilkin, Nicole Olmstead

I. Opening Prayer: Lowell Grisham

II. Old Business

A. Stewardship: 392 pledges so far. \$75,000 anonymous pledge. Total pledge amount \$928,711.

B. Finance Committee meeting Friday (Jan. 20th) to go over the proposed budget; issue of “ money in the bank” – a good issue to have, this “ beginning balance” ; Finance Committee: Shea, Ellen, Charlie, and Mike Hays

III. New Business

Question asked about Emily Bost's office across the street (on East Ave.). Lowell explains that the office that did house Laura Wilkins and Emily's office was converted back to a Sunday School room. Emily has chosen to rent.

IV. Rector's Report

A. There were about 76 at Wednesday church; Lowell shares the story of a two-year-old leading the Lord's prayer.

B. Long Range Planning Committee: looking at images. Loyd says that a year ago they were looking at restricted space. Now we're looking at specific spaces that are too small – classrooms, choir, nave. Jeremy: The complexity of the issue is increasing. The needs of stakeholders is being identified. Loyd met with Suzanne to identify the stakeholders. Lowell says that there is still not an obvious answer to “ what we need,” and that the committee is looking around the neighborhood to see what is available. Jeremy agrees that's wise, especially considering that any decision will have a transition period. According to Lowell, the LRPC is a creative group.

C. Senior Ministries

1. Fun & Fellowship – Front Pew Group – Lunch February 1st – 1st Tuesday lunch – look at possible activities

Spiritual Growth/Aging – meet twice/month – 2nd Tuesday lunch; Teresa Uth offering exquisite leadership

Respite ministry for early-stage dementia/alzheimer's; money might be required for equipment

(rockers/gliders, games); would be held in the Parish Hall, Thursdays 9:30-1:30 or 10-2, lunch provided; dedicated, experienced folks involved

D. Servant Leadership Courses: Ellen says that it's helpful to know who is leading the classes.

E. Prayer Practices: The 10 o'clock hour classes are well-attended, seems to be meeting a need

F. Acolyte training added 15 to the rota – 11 kids, 4 adults

G. Clerk position on the vestry is vacant. Until the position is filled by another, Sara will continue as Clerk.

V. Senior Warden's Report:

Loyd will miss the Vestry, will continue serving on the LRPC. With 60+ outreach ministries and four more getting started, it's obvious that we need common space. Pleased St. Paul's is meeting budget. As a banker and parishioner, it's a good feeling to know St. Paul's is a responsible parish. Lowell says that Loyd will be an At-Large Delegate for Diocesan Convention. Charlie reminds Loyd that after a year, he can get back on the vestry.

VI. Junior Warden's Report:

(Report given by Suzi.) Parish Work Day February 12, and Suzi is still taking work-list items.

New “ green” garbage disposal in the kitchen, and the faucet in the sacristy is also repaired.

Lights in the parking lot have been replaced. Lighting now in bell tower, LED backlit for stained glass. Safer ladder and clean-out. A thank you to be sent to Bob Kelly and to Charlie; Martha will write this. *All in favor.*

VII. Administrator's Report

A. Housing Resolution next month

B. Alcohol Requests

Burn's Night – January 2nd

AR Voices for the Children Left Behind – March 4

Charlie moves to approve the resolution. All approve.

C. Tibetan Community Meals – today about \$1118/mo in pledges, maybe more, others saying they'll send checks. \$2000 is a high goal; not needed until the first of May. There are several one-time gifts that have been divided into monthly gifts. Shea asks how long we'll be doing this. Lowell says it will be ongoing. Martha shares that a parishioner's son's friend is a contact where the meals will be provided. The main supporters for the program are a Louisiana group.

D. Budget: 2010 a great year. Paid the previous auditor for work this year, as well as the new auditor. New auditors are *great*, a good fit. Suzi's looking into the organ fund discrepancy.

E. Loyd moves to approve the financials. Dale and Linda second. All Approve.

F. Suzi shares the auditor's cover letter and report.

VIII. Other Business

A. Martha shares that her friends Ron and Kitty Burton moved into the area, and Kitty's parents (Francis and MaryJean Reynolds) at the Veteran's home in Washington Regional have received the St. Paul's bulletin and prayers.

B. Loyd says that a number of people attending St. Paul's from Little Rock on Sunday were complimenting the service.

C. This is the last vestry meeting for Loyd, Linda, Rolf, and Nicole; Lowell extends his sincere thanks.

D. Sunday, we ran out of bulletins at the 11:00 service (about 265)

IX. Consent Calendar:

A. Minutes: December minutes approved by all.

B. Annual Meeting January 30th, 10:00-11:00

C. Next Vestry Meeting – February 16, 7pm

X. Adjourn: Martha moves to adjourn; all in favor.