

Vestry Meeting
CHAPEL OF ALL SAINTS
Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Attendance: Beverly Caefar, Donna Cameron, , Janet Cragin, Rebecca Ethier, Jean Glatiotis, Erika Scarpignato, Rick Scarpignato, Frank Ruggiero, Nick Storrs

Absent: None

1. **Opening Prayer:** the meeting began at 7:05 p.m. with prayers led by Rebecca. Nick will lead prayers at May meeting.
2. **Previous Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the March vestry meeting was made by Beverly and seconded by Jean. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Treasurer's Report:**

No formal report submitted as Frank is still catching up from being away for training for a month. However, his feeling is that we are no worse off at the end of March as opposed to the beginning even with only one service (for collections) at All Saints' in March. Personnel expenses were cut back in March due to the shared services. Frank will provide a full report at May meeting.

Lenten deficit collection proceeds have not yet been recorded but believe to be at least \$500.

A check from the estate of Mary Goodnow in the amount of \$10,000 has been received from her daughters, Jane Doyle and Martha Browne. There are no attachments or restrictions on the use of this money. Discussion ensued about how to use this money, including using for ongoing operating expenses. Thoughts and prayers about it are encouraged and a decision will be discussed in the next vestry meeting.

Nick made a motion to deposit the money into the bank and segregate it with an attempt to maximize the interest. Rebecca seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Erika also encouraged the vestry to think about purchasing a reusable, refillable Pascal candle for a one time purchase of about \$300 with a plaque dedicated to Mary's memory.

In addition Jane Doyle has told Erika to contact her directly if the Altar Guild has any large expenses.

4. Deanery/Canon 16 Report:

- a) Shared Services during Lent were successful.
- b) Deanery meeting notes from April 8 meeting have been distributed.

General impressions:

- 1) St. Mark's has the benefit of the energy of a full-time priest and is focused outreach.
- 2) **Good Shepherd vestry meeting April 14.** Rick brought up a meeting with Good Shepherd on April 28 so merger discussions could begin. Based on a discussion, a motion was made by Frank and seconded by Janet that Rick propose to Dan Mylott (Sr. Warden of GS) that the All Saints' and Good Shepherd vestries meet April 28 at All Saints' to start talking about options regarding a merger. The motion was passed unanimously.

Rick suggested that the treasurers of each parish meet ahead of time to figure out the possibilities financially if pledges come together fully or at a reduced amount so financial viability can be discussed on April 28. Frank agreed that it is not a "slam dunk" that a combined parish would be sustainable financially as things are.

Details as to whether the meeting will be a pot luck or otherwise will be finalized.

- 3) **Pentecost invitation on May 23.** Christ Church invited the Deanery to celebrate Pentecost with them on May 23. Discussion ensued as to whether attending Christ Church would muddy the waters with merger discussions with Good Shepherd. The vestries of GS and AS will discuss on April 28.

- c) Assessment reduction: on March 16, Bill Coyne notified Rick that the diocesan council approved a 50% reduction to our diocesan assessment (to \$4,375). This reduction is based upon the shared Lenten programs and continuing with the Canon 16 process as well as the Deanery meetings.
- d) Next Deanery Meeting - will be held Thursday, June 3 at Christ Church. Details will be finalized.

- 5. **Chapel assets and liabilities** – Erika indicated that the committee has not met yet due to schedule conflicts. If anyone has any suggestions, please get them to Erika as it would be helpful to have this list for the April 28 meeting.

6. **New member committee:** Jean and Beverly have had some discussions about recruitment of new members. They have come up with an idea of posting something on our website regarding a reception for the neighborhood. The date will need to be established. Beverly has spoken with Sharon Fernandes about doing a write-up. Rick encouraged Beverly and Jean to include Rebecca to ensure it gets up onto the website.
7. **Junior Warden Report:** Spring clean-up day to occur on May 2 after the 9:30 service. Rick will get some loam to fill in the front sunken in areas. Donna will invite the Scouts to help out and also invite them to church and coffee that Sunday. Rick will ask NA and AA to see if they can help with any cleanup. Donna raised specific concerns about the window sills in the Dance Studio.

Sharon Fernandes received recognition for her hard work in vacuuming the pews. Donna will ask Sharon to assist in cleaning the bathroom while Mary Ellen is off for 2 weeks.

Nancy Scarpignato, Cameron Filiau and Carter Filiau along with Donna worked on the gardens to clean up and plant flowers prior to Easter – nice job! Donna also washed most of the windows in Gurley Hall. The remainder should be cleaned on clean up day.

There are tiles crumbling in the undercroft and dance studio due to all the rain. Rick spent a lot of time vacuuming up water. Rick also spent some time unclogging the toilets.

8. **Confirmation Class for June 20 Bishop Visit:** Rick has discussed confirmation classes with Hendy and it would be a 6-8 week session. Rick will have it announced at the other churches in the Deanery as well. We will pay Hendy for providing these classes. Rick will discuss the fee with him. Cameron Filiau is interested in being confirmed and Viola Chivilo wants to be received.
9. **Senior Warden Report:** Hendy reported his 16 hours of pastoral care for the month of March which included weekday services and several home visits along with office hours. Also, for the Sundays in March, 2 were paid and 2 unpaid. Frank and Rick will get together offline about the schedule for pastoral care for the summer so that we can stay within our budget but it is believed there will be only one Thursday of pastoral care for each of the months of June, July and August. We will have only one service on June 20 when the Bishop is here.

Hendy is taking vacation for the following Sundays: June 27, July 4 and August 8. On June 27 Nick will lead a prayer service. For July 4 we will ask Good Shepherd if we can worship with them. August 8: TBD.

As per the budget, we are cutting back to one service as of June 13 through Labor Day weekend (September 5).

10. **New Business:** None.

11. Frank made a motion to adjourn at 8:58pm. Beverly seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Beverly then added a closing prayer.

The next meeting will be May 10, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca H, Ethier, Clerk