

His Church Anglican
Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Present: Pastor Allen, Senior Warden Chris Darnell, Junior Warden Gary Palmer, Barbara Lowe, Dave Simmons, Mary Ann Sulick, Russ McDonald and Marcia Fish.

Absent: Mike Figura and Barbara Martin.

The meeting opened at 7:10 PM at the church office with prayer led by Pastor Allen.

Pastor Allen noted that we had a quorum and that Jan Covert and Gail Grunkemeyer had resigned from the Vestry. Gail will continue to be active in Outreach activities. It was also noted that the decision to not hold a meeting in April was approved by all current members.

Finance Committee/Treasurer: Russ presented his report and explained several sections of it. A number of proposals were forwarded with recommendations from the Finance Committee. They are as follows:

1. Obtain a membership in Church Volunteer Central which is an organization recommended by Andee Marks. It will provide discounts on screening which must be done for those who work with young people and access to resources that can be used by most activities in the parish. The cost is about \$120 per year. The motion to spread this across five budget items, namely Christian Ed, Service, Evangelism, New Comers and Parish Events, was approved. Each of the five items will be responsible for \$24 of the membership cost.

2. The Finance Committee recommended that the dates to collect donations to the Ministry Candidate Fund be changed from May 30 and June 6 to June 6 and 13. This would skip the services on the Memorial Day Weekend and allow extra time to inform the parish what their donations would be used for. The suggestion was approved.

3. Marie Palmer has obtained a supply of Sun Chips and would like to sell them to raise money for our Rwandan Mission Fund. The recommendation of the Finance Committee that she donate them to the parish and ask for donations to the Fund was approved.

4. Chris suggested that we identify an activity being conducted by Madonna College that we would like to participate in to show our gratitude for their hospitality to us. Participation may include making a cash donation. Pastor Allen will investigate possibilities and report to the next meeting.

5. Pastor Allen reported that we have been requested to publicize activities of Compassion International. Like the I N Network, they have children to sponsor, etc., but there are children in Rwanda (rather than Uganda) where we are establishing a sister relationship. The Vestry authorized the sharing of information on child sponsorship available through Compassion International.

6. Dave and Pastor Allen shared information about Jim Sleep who they believe would be very good and wants to work with the youth of the area using Youth Alpha materials. Both are impressed with his interest and the possibility of reaching out to youth in the community. The motion to overspend the Alpha budget by \$150 to purchase the necessary Youth Alpha materials was approved.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as presented.

Rector's Report:

Pastor Allen stated that Avoiding the Millstone Training is required by AMiA for those who work with our young people. Deacon Colleen Dewey of the parish in Lapeer has been authorized to present it.

Pastor Allen and Dave said they were looking forward to working with Roman Catholic Deacon Steve Mitchell to set up a group of Alpha sessions in the area. He has suggested that several parishes agree to simultaneously host an Alpha session during the same time period, but on individual evenings so that if a person could not attend a session on say Monday at his/her own parish, s/he could attend the same session at another parish on a convenient evening. If a group of parishes of different denominations in working together it is expected there would be better publicity, etc.

Lenn Mercer and Pastor Allen did a "trial run" on a proposed Community Newcomer Ministry. They visited five homes in Livonia which had recently been listed in local media as having been recently sold. Those who were home were invited to attend our services and offered prayer for their immediate concerns. They noticed that the new people moving into Livonia are younger than the existing population and are likely to be non-white. Tony Grunkemeyer will work with Lenn and continue to visit newcomers in the area.

Pastor Allen said that he and Chris would be contacting the people who had previously been considered for a position on the Vestry to find people replace Jan and Gail.

All of the Kannapells will be going on a mission trip to Uganda and Rwanda on August 9 and will return on August 26. A Committee is forming to create ideas for implementing our sister parish relationship with the parish they will visit in Rwanda.

Pastor Allen reported on the meeting of those interested in developing Parish Equippers for the parish. The meeting was held on May 19. The two main focuses that we believe our parish is called to were: 1. helping people of all ages and interests when they are in crisis and 2. sharing the Gospel with everyone. It has previously been determined that the third emphasis of this parish would be prayer. Those at the meeting also made a list of those in the parish who might be interested in developing the process for identifying and training members to participate in these ministries. Pastor Allen is calling those who were listed most often and will ask them to join the team of Parish Equippers.

Committee Reports:

Chris reported that he has started to teach a few people in the parish how to use the new software system. It will not be publicized to the whole parish for several months.

Mary Ann is making arrangements for the picnic at Madonna on June 6 after the 10 AM service. She will try to find out if we can have a Jump Castle.

Dave reported that the Alpha Holy Spirit Weekend will be on Saturday, June 5, at the church office.

Gary said he has been asked about making the kitchen suitable for using plates and utensils that are washed and reused rather than discarded after every meal. He will see about installing a garbage disposal in the sink, has put the recently installed and now electrified office sign on a timer and will make prayer benches that can be used at the office in Pastor Allen's office and the gathering room.

Our procedures for recognizing and doing follow up with visitors were reviewed in the hope that they could be more effective. Most visitors do not seem to be returning on a regular basis. Following a time of prayer that God would bring us more visitors and that we would be better prepared to welcome them, the suggestion was made that members of the Vestry might want to gather in prayer every week for five minutes before the beginning of the 10 AM service.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM. The next meeting was tentatively set for June 16 at 7 PM.

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