

His Church Anglican
Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, June 23, 2010

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

The meeting opened at 6:56 PM at the church office with prayer led by Pastor Allen.

The minutes of the May 25 meeting were approved as presented.

Finance Committee/Treasurer: Russ presented his report and explained several sections of it. The counters are using the new CCB System to enter donations received each week. The collection for the ministry candidates brought in about \$1800 which was our goal.

Rector's Report

1. A table has been set up at Spree starting yesterday (June 23) and will be available through June 27. As often as possible, a member of HCA and a member of the group of pastors who pray together twice a month in Livonia (Praying Pastors) are scheduled together.

2. Representatives of nine area parishes were here for lunch on June 15 for the presentation, A Taste of Alpha.

3. So far no action has been taken to identify replacement Vestry members.

4. A committee has been formed to handle arrangements for the Kannapells' trip to Uganda and Rwanda in August. The total cost of the trip will be about \$15,000. The motion to allow the committee to send a letter requesting cash donations to members of the parish and other parishes in the Lighthouse Network was approved.

5. As a result of the workshops that Andee Marks presented, an Equipping Committee has been formed which is in the process of establishing procedures to help people identify and use their God-given gifts.

6. There will be a Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on September 17 and 18 at which both Bishops Thad Barnum and Chuck Murphy will be speaking. Pastor Allen said he would encourage as many members of the congregation to attend as possible.

Committee Reports

Fellowship: The picnic on June 6 and the reception on the date of Dave Simmons's installation as a Lay Pastor (May 16) went well. Mary Ann suggested that we have a Potluck Lunch and movie after a 10 AM service. July 11 was suggested as a possible date.

Junior Warden: Gary said that he has authorized the cost of having the copier hooked up so that its printing, faxing and scanning capabilities can be utilized.

New Members: Several ideas were suggested to encourage visitors to return.

At the May meeting the suggestion was made that members of the Vestry gather in prayer every week for five minutes before the beginning of the 10 AM service. Since most Vestry members are busy with their various ministries at that time, Mike Figura suggested that a few members of the Vestry go up on the stage and pray with Pastor Allen after the reading of the Gospel lesson and before he starts to preach.

Vacation Bible School will be from July 26 to 29 at the park behind the Darnells' home. This year it will have an African theme.

The July meeting will be on July 14 at 6 PM on Mike Figura's boat.

There was a time of prayer asking God to tell us who else He wants on the Vestry. Several names were presented, but the general concensus was that nine members may be too many for this size parish. The motion to amend the By-Laws to reduce the size of the Vestry to seven people was tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM. It was followed by a presentation on features and use of the CCB System. All members of the Vestry are now included in the data base.

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