

Minutes of Vestry Meeting, Tuesday September 9, 2008

Present: Peter Chase, Lynn Farnell, Beverly Hurney, Father Julio Rivera, translator *SOWB*
(NAME?), Phyllis Campbell, Kitty Smith, Bob Kelley, Elisabeth Comer, John
Turtle, Tom Holtey, Elisabeth Rippy, Isabel Phillips and Paul Pyzowski

The Vestry meeting began with a prayer by Father Julio.

Reading of the minutes was postponed until after Father Julio's talk. They
were reviewed later and accepted as amended.

New Business: We had a review of Father Julio's visit with Peter and Paul.
Julio gave thanks to all for their time and hospitality. He talked about Larry
Walton and his contributions to El Salvador. He very much wants to build a
high school accommodating 300 students. A church in Mobile AL also has a
relationship with Santa Maria Virgen and may be able to assist with the
building of the school.

The property budget will pay for repair of the chairs for the choir.

The Welcome Back BBQ will be on September 21st. Jo Ann Flatley and
Susan Butler Walko will stay and help with the kids' activities.

October 5th is the vestry retreat after coffee hour. The topic is planning for
the 200th anniversary. More information will be forthcoming. Elisabeth
Comer will coordinate brunch.

Paul announced that there are two days sponsored by the diocese that
people can attend.

Episcopal Resource Day –
Energy Seminar – Lynn Farnell and John Turtle will go.

Stewardship: Last Sunday Mary Green, Julia DePeyster, Paul Pyzowski, Elisabeth Comer,
Jeff Hughes, and Mike Stevens met. The first letter is going out shortly.

Investment: No report

Treasurer: The financial report was reviewed. All finances look in line for the year.
Michael will start drafting the 2009 budget for the October vestry meeting.

New Membership: Isabel says there won't be a wide letter sent for BBQ.

Youth & Christian Ed: Isabel met with JoAnn Flatley and Susan. JoAnn will be coordinator of all
educational activities. They are working on job description. Denise will be
giving her email addresses of the families with kids. The next meeting is at
8am on Sept. 21st. New ideas are getting put in place. The middle schoolers
are meeting at 9am on Sunday mornings. JoAnn will be coordinating with Jeff
Hughes as well. Paul reports that we may not be having confirmation
Sunday with St. Paul's in Natick. They are working on a trip for the
confirmands. There was some discussion as to when and where. No decision
has been made as of yet.

Property: Tom Holtey reported that we are generally on track for the year. The painting for this year is done. New programmable thermostats are going in. Devaney will install them. The thermostats may correct the inability to regulate the heat. If not, we should do the heating valve if it is needed. The recent electrical/plumbing problem cost approximately \$900.

Rector & Staff: All are well. Denise's retroactive raise is being processed. Father Julio came to Miracle Kitchen with Peter.

Women of St. Mary's: Phyllis reported that no one has volunteered to run Foods&Fancies yet. There was some discussion of what the vestry could do to assist.

Churchyard. No Report

Tenants: The fire department has just about signed off on new storage areas for Hills and Falls.

Music: Kitty reported for Kirsten Johnson. The fall services have been scheduled. Peter Lea Cox will be back in October for a Special Music Sunday.

St. Mary's Historians: Current members of the Springs family who's ancestors are buried in the churchyard got a tour by Beverly.

Long Term Planning: No report.

There was general discussion at the end of the meeting about what time to have the later Christmas Eve service. It was finally decided to poll the parish and see what the response is before deciding at the next vestry meeting.

Peter led the Vestry in a closing prayer.

Next Vestry Meeting: The next Vestry meeting will be on October 21, 2008 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Farnell for Susan Griffin
Clerk