

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Newton Lower Falls, Massachusetts

Minutes of Vestry Meeting, June 16 , 2009

PRESENT: Margaret Schwarzer, Mary Green, Beverly Hurney, Kitty Smith, John Turtle, Lynn Farnell, Dick Sabin, Jon Hayden, Stewart Tucker, Maryjane Burgess, Elisabeth Comer

The Vestry meeting opened with a prayer by Margaret Schwarzer.

The minutes from May were reviewed and approved as amended.

NEW BUSINESS: The farewell celebrations for Peter and his ~~only~~^{family} were very successful. There was a pizza party on Sunday after the Babson Music program. On May 31st there were 274 attendees at church and the brunch after the service. The choir did a great job. Thanks to Kitty and Peggy for their work on the brunch. The evening reception at Lucille and Paul's was also well attended. The choir presented a short program.

The final accounting of the purse is \$16,165!

On June 7th Cynthia Hubbard was here to do the service and commissioned the search committee. After the service she led the Appreciative Inquiry which was attended by about 50 members of the parish.

The Vestry and Search Committee held a retreat with Rev. Hubbard on June 12th & 13th. 18 people attended in various configurations. We worked on preparation of the brochure that will be distributed for the search. Vivian Brocard will clean it up. Tricia Blank will help with the lay out. Photos and graphics will be added. Fyj Wheeler will help with the brochure.

The Church Deployment Office (CDO) forms will be done soon with the help of the consultant.

Summer schedules for staff and clergy were discussed. The gaps are covered. Denise will be out from June 25, 26 and 30th.

Someone is needed to coordinate punch on the lawn and ushers and greeters for the summer. Lynn Farnell will organize punch on the lawn. Mary Green will coordinate ushers & greeters.

September 13th is the date for the installation of the Women of St. Mary's.

A report on the state of the steeple is coming. There is evidence of beetle damage. The paint and fixes needed will be in the report. The bell is original to the building in 1813.

John Turtle has arranged to have the signs in front of church repaired and updated. He has a quote of \$1580 to redo the signs. A donor will pay for the repairs. It was agreed to move forward and have the work done. A placard for Margaret will be part of the updates

Denise is worried about security without the school in session . John Higgins was going to work on the intercom.

- Rector & Staff: Margaret is happy to be here. She has an email address at the church. Her cell phone number is 617-733-0661.
- Youth & Christian Ed: Isabel has asked for volunteers to help with the committee. She will be in touch with parents over the summer. School will have a new curriculum next year.
- Outreach: Checks for the previously approved disbursements went out.
- Women of St. Mary's: Maryjane Burgess is compiling the booklet for next year. She met with Margaret. It was decided do a Lenten series after church instead of Wednesday mornings. Margaret will lead them.
- Tenants: Dick Sabin reported that the lease with Hills and Falls renews every five years. Dick will make the annual adjustment in August. He talked to the director about mail delivery now that the rectory is unoccupied. He suggested they rent a mailbox. She said they would think about alternatives.
- Churchyard: Beverly and John Hurney met with Jane & Dick Sabin about churchyard improvements. There will be an interment in the churchyard on Saturday.
- Worship: Margaret has met with both Gwen and Kirsten. She would like to meet with the Altar Guild.
- Altar Guild: There are two new members. Beth Gardner and Sue Klumpp have joined. Ann Igoe has started. Maryjane would like to look at a junior Altar Guild in the future.
- Hospitality No report

Music: Kitty Smith reported for Kirsten. The last Sunday for the choir was June 14th. Bob Kluter will not be ~~not~~ returning as section leader in the fall so she will looking for a replacement. An estimate will be coming on the costs of replacing the sagging organ pipes.

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Historian: No report

Margaret concluded with a prayer.

The next Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Farnell, Clerk