

Vestry Minutes August 19, 2007

Fr. Clements opened the meeting with the Noonday Office. Present were Fr. Clements, Linda Lloyd, Martha Baer, Martha Nesbitt, Jim Conzo, Mary Anne Carley, Roy Bickley, Tom Schindler, Cheryl Duntz, and Geoff Brown. Absent was Alexis Dorf.

Linda Lloyd moved that the minutes of the July meeting be approved as circulated, and Martha Baer seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Martha Nesbitt presented the Treasurer's report, noting that a check for \$2000 had been received from Lime Rock Park. She also noted that Buildings and Grounds Chair Judy Brown had negotiated a fuel oil contract with Hull Oil for \$2.55/gallon. It was noted that this was lower than the price being offered to others.

Martha noted that Crescendo, had complained that the premises were dirty when they used them earlier this year. It was noted that Crescendo pays for the use of our space, and that we must take special pains to ensure that when we rent our space out that it is clean.

Martha noted that Chorus Angelicus had approached Christine regarding the possibility of a concert they would give next May at no charge to us. The Vestry was very supportive of this idea, and requested that Martha communicate to Christine that she should go ahead with it.

Finally, Martha noted that while we were not doing that badly year to date, we would still need a major fundraiser to end the year without a deficit. Following discussion, it was agreed that Fr. Clements would postpone the beginning of Adult Education from September 23 for one week, and that we would hold an all-parish brainstorming session following the 10:30 Holy Eucharist on the 23rd.

There was no Wardens' report.

As the Buildings and Grounds report, Geoff reported that Judy Brown, the Buildings and Ground Chair, had advised him that she was ready to proceed with insulation of the rectory.

Continuing Business:

- Art Show status: Linda reported that things seemed to be falling into place for the Art Show, with the exception of notable problems with the Sharon, CT Post Office, and that problems were surfacing with the quality of the addresses on our Art Show mailing list.

- Appointment of Stewardship chairperson(s): Discussion of this item included the recommendation that we hold a newcomers' dinner shortly, and that Stewardship be included in the brainstorming session on September 23. For the time being, the entire Vestry will serve as the Stewardship Committee.
- Status of Sunday School. Sunday School will resume on September 9 with registration. It was noted that we will need to ensure that we have several layers of backup in terms of staffing the Sunday School this year. Linda noted that John Lloyd has volunteered to assist as requires, as have Geoff Brown and Cheryl Duntz.
- Status of nursery care: Staffing of the nursery remains an open item. It was generally concluded that we should pay whoever tends the nursery \$20 regardless of whether there are any children present or not, and that it might be necessary to pay more than that. For the time being, the nursery will be operated as an adjunct to the Sunday School. Ideas are welcome.

New Business:

- An injury claim has been received from a parishioner. It is in the hands of the insurance company at this time. Geoff reported that the boy who was injured playing soccer two weeks ago was present for soccer today and seems to have mostly recovered.
- Resolution thanking Arete Warren for donating the new Trinity sign. It was determined that the appropriate time for a resolution thanking Ms. Warren would be after the sign had been purchased and installed. Hence the item was tabled.
- Emergency Services Sunday will be held on September 16 at the suggestion of parishioner Jane Canfield, who has notified all the area fire departments and ambulance corps. Following a blessing of emergency responders during the 10:30 Holy Eucharist, a procession will leave the church to Trinity Field, where emergency equipment gathered for the day will likewise be blessed. Ideas how we could make this a memorable community activity are solicited.
- Geoff will undertake to procure a small brass plate identifying Karl Saliter's "Gratitude Cultivator" sculpture and mount it on the outside wall of Walker Hall behind the sculpture.
- The Parish will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis on October 7, with our traditional blessing of the animals.

Vicar's Report: The Vicar noted that a large contribution to the Vicar's Discretionary Fund had been received, and that the fund was once again adequately funded. He noted as well that he will be away for two days in September, speaking at the Christian Surfers' Conference in Ocean City, NJ. He also noted that it would be nice if volunteers were able to staff the office during office hours on Monday and Tuesday during this busier time of year. He also noted that Jane Lipton, who has been running off the order of service and folding it, will take announcements and enlarge them and place them in Walker Hall.

The next meeting of the Vestry will be September 16.

Their being no further business, the Vicar closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey Brown
Clerk of the Vestry