

Vestry Meeting
Thursday, July 26, 2012 2:30pm
Rector's study

Present: Rev. Patricia Robertson, presiding; Elizabeth Carey, James Clunan, Lauri Fernald, Donald Graves, Arthur Keller, Linda Lewis, Stephen Mahoney, Maude March, Phyllis Partridge

Absent: Nancy McCormick

Reverend Robertson opened the meeting at 2:31pm with a moment of silence and a prayer.

I. Minutes

- a. A motion was made to approve of the minutes of the June meeting by Stephen Mahoney, seconded by James Clunan. The motion was unanimously approved by all the vestry members present.**

II. Finance

- a. Discussion:** Lauri Fernald, reviewing the 7/13/2012 Budget Performance Report, noted that
 - i. the Astor Bequest had not been moved from the Non-Operating Income at the time of the preparation of the report.
 - ii. Buildings & Grounds expenses for the month included insurance in the amount of \$1,823.60.
 - iii. The withheld payable to the Consiglio Contractors for short-comings in the renovation of the church, totaling \$3,550.39, has been written off by the contractors, who requested that SSMJ acknowledge this amount as a gift from them.
 - iv. The church is pretty close to budget year-to-date, per Lauri.
- b. A motion to acknowledge as a gift the \$3,550.39 withheld from Consiglio's final payment was made by Arthur Keller and seconded by Linda Lewis. The motion was unanimously approved by all the vestry members present.**
- c. A concurrent motion to accept the minutes of the Finance committee, subject to correction of the meeting date was made by Arthur Keller and seconded by Linda Lewis. The motion was unanimously approved by all the vestry members present.**

III. Other Business

- a. Stroud Fund Disbursement Request:** A July 12 request for disbursement of funds totaling \$3,000, for
 - i. Rector's Discretionary Fund (\$1,250)
 - ii. Prayer Shawl Group (\$1,000)
 - iii. Safe Family Exchange (\$750)

After discussion and explanation for newer members of the Vestry, **a motion was made by Don Graves and seconded by Steve Mahoney to approve the disbursement of monies from the Stroud Fund as outlined. The motion was unanimously approved by all the vestry members present.**

Further discussion, initiated by Arthur Keller reviewed how the community knows that funds exist for which organizations and members of the community with specific needs may apply. Over \$8,000/quarter is available for disbursement, and Phyllis Partridge pointed out that the church was proactive in publicizing when grants are made from the Fund.

b. Centennial Fund

- i. The 9/19/2007 procedure for requesting funds from the Centennial Fund was reviewed.
- ii. The fund, which the Trustees manage to balance the long and short term interests of the investment, assuring that the fund has the ability to fulfill the mission to support the work of the parish.
- iii. The trustees view this mission, in part, as that of supporting the capital expenses of the parish.
- iv. Since the Trustees seek a moving 1-3 year forecast of requirements from the Vestry, Patricia presented a draft Request of Funds from the Centennial Fund for 2012 for discussion. Minor changes were discussed, but it was generally agreed that an excellent request had been initiated.
- v. **A motion was made by James Clunan and seconded by Linda Lewis to approve the three page proposal. The motion was unanimously approved by all the vestry members present.**

c. Memorial Fund

- i. A request was made for reimbursement from the Memorial Fund for \$202.90 the purchase of three Albs.
- ii. **A motion to approve the request was made by James Clunan and seconded by Arthur Keller. The motion was unanimously approved by all the vestry members present.**

- d. Legacy Reception Scheduled for 8/7/2012, to recognize and express the appreciation of the church for those who have included the church in their estate planning.**

IV. Mutual Ministry/Mission efforts

- a. The task force for *Planning for the Future in a Time of Adaptive Change* currently comprises Ephron Caitlin, James Clunan, Axie Diana, Jean Fernald, Don Graves, Linda Lewis, Maude March, Nancy McCormick and Patricia Robertson.
- b. The first Cottage Meeting was held at Stephen and Mary Anne Mahoney's in Somesville, and a subsequent meeting was held at Norman and Nancy Beecher's home in Northeast Harbor. A third meeting is being planned at Linda Lewis' in September.

- i. As a guide to discussion direction, Patricia encouraged the Vestry to focus the discussions on what is essential for SSMJ to keep as we move forward.
- ii. An appreciative inquiry question suggested by Maude March was what do we want to maximize here? What do really value (core values)?

V. Hospitality for the summer

- a. lemonade and cookies after the 10:00 Service – **Linda Lewis will continue to coordinate** the sign-up list for this activity.
- b. Ice Cream on Thursdays – Ice Cream will continue to be served on Thursday afternoons on Main Street as a SMSJ outreach activity as in the past. **Axie Diana is coordinating** the sign-up list to work this weekly activity during July and August.

VI. Fundraising (ECW)

- a. Casseroles will be prepared by volunteers for sale by the ECW
 - i. The July 19th sale yielded \$1,280.
 - ii. August 16th will be the date for the 2nd sale
 - iii. Participants are encouraged to
 - 1. Sign up in advance
 - 2. Print a card with ingredients
 - 3. Provide a standardized serving size (8?)
 - iv. **Dorothy Clunan has coordinated** the organization of these events, including
 - 1. The check-in list
 - 2. An ice-down tray for the sale

VII. Strengthening our bonds with the community

- a. The DVD **Love Free or Die** has been ordered by Maude March.
 - i. It will be viewed subsequent to this meeting in the Parish Hall.
 - ii. The congregation was invited to see the video at its first airing at 4:00PM on the 26th.

VIII. Rector's Report

- a. Stewardship consulting -a training session is set for September 22nd (Saturday morning, with Lisa Meeder Turnbull conducting the training.)

IX. Closing Prayer and adjournment

- a. Next meeting: **August 23**–3:45 pm
- b. Assigned reading for discussion: Chapter 5 of **Leadership and Listening**.
- c. The meeting closed with prayer at 3:45pm.