

Vestry Minutes
Thursday, October 25 3:45 pm

Present: Maude March, presiding; The Reverend Patricia Rome Robertson, Nancy McCormick, Phyllis Partridge, Stephen Mahoney, and Arthur Keller. James Clunan arrived at 4:24 PM.

Absent: Don Graves, Jackie Lowe, Linda Lewis

The Rev. Patricia Rome Robertson opened the meeting at 4:00 PM with a reading and prayer.

Vestry members present discussed Donald Zimmer's book *Leadership and Listening*.

Comments:

- Thinking differently is ok
- Listen and keep mission focused.
- The book didn't honor the basic rules of Robert's Rules
- Increased our awareness for things God is doing in our Parish and our community

Members were asked to think about a book to recommend for the vestry to read, to be discussed at the November meeting.

Approval of September 27 Minutes:

With the following correction: *The vestry voted to approve moving funds from the Memorial Fund into the endowment Fund, leaving 20K in the Memorial fund, they also approved \$250 for the Harpsichord cover, \$,1500 to purchase Pascal candle, stand and follower for SMBTS and an unknown amount to repair the candle sticks on the high altar at SMBTS.* Motion made by Maude March to accept and seconded by Phyllis Partridge. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance:

- 2013 budget is not ready for the Vestry at this time.
- The finance reports were presented as emailed previously.
- Lauri Fernald mentioned at the Finance committee meeting increasing the pledges up to 170k in the budget. (About 5K in the budget line) This is for consideration and will be discussed at a future meeting.
- The Sexton line may be over budget this year. Work done by the sexton has increased as he is doing more work that the building and grounds committee has approved. Members were asked to think about Housing for St. Jude August clergy during August 2013 at St. Jude. The Hague house will not be available.
- Arthur Keller and Patricia Robertson allocated the operating budget to coincide with the mission statement and the break down is 2/3 = a spiritual home for generations and 1/3 = God's mission of love for the world.

St Jude's parking:

| BCM has been contracted to do the site work. Savage did the work of tree removal, still open in the center but shady and cleaned up some of the side on the NEH side. On Monday layout was done for the project. Side walk to church from the parking area, is marked in pink and yellow. One tree was removed because it was dead, so this added one space to the parking area. The sidewalk may start this fall. Ben will be starting his part of the work at the end of next week and will be able to complete it before the weather changes, the seeding for grass in the parking spaces

will be done in the spring of 2013. Sam will be finishing the design for landscaping in the front over the winter. At the time of the meeting \$40,100 has been raised for the project. Arthur will write an article for the Harbor Chart.

Stroud Committee Recommendations:

Jim Clunan reported on the Stroud Fund meeting.

The recommendations are as follows:

- Applicant #1: \$1,000 (\$500 to Bangor Hydro; \$500 in gas cards)
- Applicant #2: \$1,000 (2-months' rent)
- Applicant #3: \$3,000 Due to the funds available, \$3,000 can be given right now, and we invite the Campfire Coalition to request more for our January meeting, if additional funds are needed.
- Applicant #4: \$1,500 Common good soup kitchen

A motion to approve by Stephen Mahoney and seconded by Nancy McCormick, Unanimous decision for approval.

Program Reports:

Maude March reported Scott McFarland came and spoke last Sunday, October 21, 2012 on the greenhouse project. There is a great deal of enthusiasm for the project.

Arthur Keller had concerns and he met with Scott McFarland and he feels comfortable with the plan. Arthur and Scott discussed an Advisory Committee for the project and thought The Rev. Patricia Rome Robertson should be considered as a member. There was a positive article in the Mt. Desert Islander this week about the project; it mentioned the donation from the Stroud Fund of the parish.

The first forum at Mt. Desert Elementary School was lightly attended but hopefully the second one will be better attended with more publicity. The next one is going to be a parent/child forum on social relationships on the internet.

Update on the childcare/parent relief initiative:

The first childcare / parent relief initiative will happen December 8, 2012 in the late afternoon; children will arrive at 5:30 PM and give dinner. This initial effort is for parish children in order to see how it works. There will be up to 12 children. The older children will go to the Stocking Stuffer ACT performance that evening. There is a form for the parents to fill out and is available at the back of the church. Volunteers will be helping with this. Leslie will spread the word among the house church families. Other activities will be planned for the evening. We hope this is the beginning of an ongoing periodical event to provide parent relief.

At the next ECW meeting finances will be discussed.

The following was discussed at the October 3, 2012 meeting:

- The Family/Sunday School schedule

- Coffee hours will be scheduled by Sheila Smallidge
- The Angel Tree will be organized by Janet Stratton, Martha Bucklin and Sheila Smallidge; donations should be sent to office, gift tags will be on the tree at the back of St. Mary's Chapel
- For the evening of caroling and dinner, mittens have been donated for this year

Crèches on Main Street:

Veronica Breceda will organize the crèche and gingerbread display, this year. If Nancy McCormick is back she will help her set up. Janet will help her organize this. Rita Redfield will have to be contacted to see if it can be held at her gallery. *(This display may not happen, depending on availability of space and time of volunteers.)*

Rector's Report:

| Patricia reported: Patricia was on vacation and had a great time. She shared some of the places that they visited. She may put her pictures together for a show sometime after church.

At 5:30 pm, the Vestry went into Executive session and the secretary was excused.

Closing Prayer and adjournment: 6:00pm (reported by the Rector)

Next meeting: November 15, 2012 at 3:45 PM

Respectfully submitted:
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Parish Administrator