

**St. Mary and St. Jude
Vestry Meeting
Thurs. May, 27, 2010**

Present: Patricia Robertson, Maude March, Carroll Fernald, Axie Diana, Arthur Keller, Robin Graves, Alan Gregory (came later)

By Phone: (Skype) Anne Ogilby,

Not present: Dorothy Clunan, Moorhead Kennedy, Janet Stratton

I. The meeting was called to order at 4PM by Patricia Robertson with a prayer. There was a discussion of chapters, 4, 5 in “Five Keys for Church Leaders.”

II Approval of the Minutes of the April 22 Meeting:

Amendment: III: C should read: “As agreed the Leadership Fund has been reimbursed \$7,278 from the *Renovations* Fund.”

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Motion was approved with one abstention.

III Reports and Items for Discussion:

A. MDI Episcopal Church conversation: Patricia

-Patricia and Dorothy took our proposal for monthly clergy sharing with the coordination meeting where it was well received.

-Church of Our Father and St. Mary’s are in similar positions.

-the other 2 (St. Andrews and St. Saviour’s are more ready to proceed with the three week proposal rotation of clergy.

-The 3 Clergy will come up with a proposal for an experiment how to share clergy times effectively.

-Sharing festivals, coordinating worship and educational pieces are all considered as part of the plan.

-Hope to encourage people to move freely between the congregations.

-Next meeting will be in June

-There will be a meeting between services at St. Mary’s for the information of the congregation.

B. Building and Grounds: Carroll

-The committee met last week. Present were Isaac, Walter Knudsen,

Mike MacDonald and Patricia.

- The making of a spread sheet showing things that need to be done is in progress.
- Robin is taking charge of things to be done outside.
- Carroll and Isaac will visit each building to add the maintenance items to the spread sheet.
- Next meeting of the Building and Grounds Committee is June 3.

B. All Parish Meeting: Agenda -June 20: Patricia

- Discussion Topics;
 - Start with the positive things
 - Conversations between the churches
 - Mention adaptive change
 - Relevance of church
 - outreach

Transition to the challenges:

- Finances

C. Vestry Retreat:

- Question: What would we like to accomplish
 - Build on how to integrate the generations
 - Outreach and how we can expand our presence.
 - Stimulate the parish to more outreach
- Goals: things the Vestry will concentrate on the during the rest of the year.
- Mission and Vision.

D. Treasurer's Requests: Alan Gregory

- Alan presented some ideas that may help attract new members to the parish.
 - 1) Poster created by Judy Taylor with portraits of present parish members with the message of what church can offer people. Language to be composed by Patricia.
 - This could be developed into a brochure.
 - 2) Display cabinet to stand at the back of SMBTS with items of historical significance.
 - 3) Coats of arms of saints to be painted on the shields on the rafters of the church. This would be colorful and lighten the church.
 - 4) Teak Memorial Bench
 - put outside, behind the church as a place for meditation.

-Robin to get estimates from bench companies.

5) Memorial Plaque:

- Mahogany plaque with the names of people who have left money to the church in their wills.
- Axie will research the plaque.

Alan was given approval to move ahead with the poster project
Further details and research are needed prior to moving ahead with the remaining proposals (i.e. drawing for the cabinet; prototype for the shields and estimates from an artist; pricing on teak bench and plaque in process.

E. Annual Meeting Timing Survey:

- 51% of the people who have answered are year-round members
- June as meeting time is leading with January a close second.

F. Mutual Study of Ministry:

- A hand out with information and sample questions was given to vestry members. This process is involved and will be a part of what we do this time next year.

G. Other business

- The Rector will be taking a few personal days in the next 2 weeks.

H. Dates to note:

- June 20 Parish Meeting
- June 27 10 AM worship at St. Jude's none at St. Mary's
There will be evensong at SMBTS.
- July 4 Sunset Services start.

Meeting adjourned with a prayer: at 6:12 PM

Next Vestry Meeting: Thurs. June 24, 3:45 PM

Assignment: Read Chap. 6 in "Five Keys".

Respectfully Submitted:

Maude March, Clerk.