

St. Francis Episcopal Church
“TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN”
April 10, 2007
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Present: Bill Krivan, David Morris, Dick Wells, Mary Van Nostern, Lyn Mehl, Jenny Braz, Donna Jewett, Cristine Mincheff, Katie Magleby, Fr. Chris Creed. Also present: Nathaniel Lim.

Absent: Janet Karzmark, Giovanna Mason, Peter Caffrey and Carla Thompson, clerk.

Opening prayer was offered by David Morris. The Collective Vision was read by Fr. Chris.

Minutes of Previous meeting: none available

Old Business: Action items from last month's meeting were reviewed in detail.

Hall and kitchen floors: One estimate for initial cleaning has been received; approx. \$980. Need to explore cost of regular maintenance and plan for regular buffing. (Donna)
Newcomer Event: May 20 at Krivans' home. Probably right after church or about 5pm; Bill will confirm time and decide whether vestry will be asked to bring anything. Fall event likely for Sept. 30.

Pastoral Care: Committee met recently; major plans to support parish promotion at the yard sale; major pastoral need for drivers to provide transportation to get people to church and to church events.

Financial Matters: Bill and Nathaniel will complete signature authorization process on Friday. Dick and Nathaniel will sort out account allocation of funds between Memorial and B&G (allocation of \$5,000 vestry committed to chapel pews) and reconcile final balance in B&G.

Yard Sale: May 6-signups; May 19-banners up; May 21-begin collecting items for sale (Doar garage; Smith garage). Need: gas BBQ, canopy; need ministry areas to decide how/if they want to participate. A “trade show display” structure will be provided for displaying parish/ministry area materials. Next planning meeting: April 24, 7pm.

Carpets: timing issue; we'll get donated carpets, just not sure when.

Congregational Growth: Dick will resend material from Hartford Seminary. Fr. Chris to talk with prospect to chair committee. Place on agenda for conversation at May vestry meeting.

Salad Suppers: will continue with light and bright topics. Jenny to coordinate suppers. Fr. Chris prepared to do programs on “Misquoting Jesus” and “Weddings and Burials of Yesteryear.”

60th Anniversary: cake-coffee hour for June 3 (Parish Life); major Anniversary Celebration on Sept. 16. Suggest involving those involved in the 50th celebration. Fr. Chris to ask historian/author to write update to parish history. David suggested (and can do) an anniversary brochure for the Sept. event.

Kitchen Committee: will meet April 21 to inventory equipment and list needs for action.

Parking: Bill and Melinda Dobbs have met with neighbors; agreement is to keep accurate record of time & license numbers of offenders and meet periodically to review trends/progress; Fr. Chris has written to and spoken with Power Group (Monday users).

New Business:

Ministry area Vision plans: What can each area do to help make the vision a reality? Discussion. Will be an agenda item for the May vestry meeting. Also, Ministry Areas are to consider how to incorporate "Vision Statement Responses" into articles for Franciscan (for May 4 deadline).

Susan Dworak Easter promotions: idea of Easter eggs on neighborhood porches was popular; eggs in the park and downtown, less so. Consider action for next year.

Financials: Preliminary financials for March reviewed. Insurance and fair share payments allocated to March really belong in April; this means we are actually approx. \$5,000 positive as of March 31 (not \$2,400 negative). Fund balances in Memorial and B&G will be reallocated to reflect \$5,000 vestry payment for chapel pews and account for proper balance in B&G account.

Reports:

Rector: 10:00 Easter attendance 272, up from 241.

Jr. Warden: Recommended all look at diocesan profile and nominee statements on web. Urged that Vestry Minutes be posted in hall and on web promptly.

CY&F/Youth: Junior Choir did great job at Easter; will sing at 8 & 10 on April 22; pancake breakfast and recognition. Youth calendar has multitude of upcoming events: Games Day, Hidden Villa, Conversation with clergy, etc. Carnival on Sept. 23 is major fall event.

Action Items:

Fr. Chris:

- Send Vision to David for posting on web
- Talk with prospective chair for Congregational Growth committee
- Talk with prospective author/historians for update of parish history
- Newcomer list to Lyn for invitations to May 20 event

Lyn: Invitations for May 20 Newcomer Event

Donna:

- Explore costs and recommend floor maintenance scheme
- Gather Kitchen Committee to inventory and assess needs in kitchen
- 60th Anniversary coffee hour for June 3

Bill:

- Confirm times and needs for Newcomer Event
- Signature authority

Janet: opening prayer at May meeting

Jenny: Coordinate Salad Suppers beginning June 6

David: Brochure for 60th Anniversary

Cristine: Learn to use new computer

Carla:

Return from Italy

Calendar Dworak Easter idea for January 2008 vestry agenda

Dick:

Resolve Memorial and B&B accounts (with Nathaniel)

Resend Congregational Growth material to vestry

Forge ahead on Yard Sale

Everyone:

Franciscan articles to Cristine by May 4 (covering Pentecost – August); include Vision

Decide how/if Ministry area wants to participate in Yard Sale

Decide how Ministry Area can support Vision

Read Congregational Growth booklet, consider implications for St Francis

Next Month's Agenda:

Congregational Growth

Ministry Areas support of Vision

60th Anniversary: cake 6/3; fall 9/16; brochure; history

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