

St Mark's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting
May 17, 2010

Members present: Fr. John, Thad Hunter, Jackie Hotle, Traute Gilbert, Gwen Colgrove, Clint Hernandez, Jane Cassel, Mark Mathern, Kim McAtee, Brian Gross, Lyn George, and Mark Grothe.

Members Excused: Pat Hrnicek, Marco Rodriguez

Guests Present: Mike Bon

Meeting opened with a prayer by Brian Gross at 6:30 PM.

Approval of previous Vestry minutes: The minutes for the Special Vestry meeting on Mar 29th were presented. There were no corrections noted. Traute Gilbert moved that the minutes be approved, as presented. Thad Hunter seconded and the motion carried.

The minutes for the regular Vestry meeting on Apr 19th were presented. There were no corrections noted. Traute Gilbert moved that the minutes be approved, as presented. Jackie Hotle seconded and the motion carried.

New Business:

1. Pamela Glasser (a former member of St. Marks) has requested to use the sanctuary to record some music. She will be using it on a Friday through Sunday; from 2 – 6 PM. Traute Gilbert moved that Pamela be allowed to use the sanctuary for recording sessions and to work with Cindy on available dates. Gwen Colgrove seconded the motion. There was some discussion about payment for the use of the facilities and it was decided that she will make a donation for the use of the sanctuary. The motion carried.

2. Kay Rohde has signed the contract to serve as the interim rector for St Marks.

Search committee nomination forms have been made available for individuals wishing to serve on the committee or to nominate someone else to that committee. Forms are to be returned to the church NLT May 31st.

3. Mike Bon, who served in the position as missionary for St Marks for 11 years, is planning on returning to Indonesia and pick up his service there. His focus will be on Sumatra, in the province of Aceh. He will be teaching English and be available to respond to any crisis that may arise. He is asking the vestry of St Marks to consider the following:

- Adopting his ministry to Indonesia as a part of St Marks' Missionary Outreach
- Establishing a restricted account that people can use to donate funds to help support his ministry
- Praying for him
- To provide office support such as sending out newsletters about what is happening with him and his ministry, as well as other administrative support

His fundraising goal is to raise \$15,000 per year to carry out the ministry. His teaching English will bring in a little of the income that he needs (\$1000 to \$1500 per year). He will also be asking other churches/parishes as well as other individuals to help with this support. The funds will be sent to St. Marks, who will act as the caretaker of these funds and dispense monthly (approx, \$1250 a month).

In 2013 the program will be reevaluated and new goals set.

This request was presented to the Outreach Committee, who has deferred to the Vestry.

Traute Gilbert moved that St Marks receive and disperse funds in Mike's stead. Mark Grothe seconded and the motion carried.

Jackie Hotle moved that we administer the program in the same manner as the last time that Mike was in Indonesia. Gwen Colgrove seconded and the motion carried.

Lyn George moved that we make available to Mike, for his use, the \$2000 that is in the Missionary restricted account. Jane Cassel seconded and the motion carried.

Traute will report the results of the Vestry's decision to Mike Bon.

Financial report: Kim McAtee presented the Treasurer's Report. Income is down \$6680.85 for the month of April, which puts us down \$22,192.72 year to date. The finance committee is recommending that we transfer \$26,750.00 from the Veronda account to cover deficit and assessment. Traute moved that we authorize the transfer. Gwen Colgrove seconded and the motion carried.

The Hilltop account is up substantially from the previous year.

Traute Gilbert moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Brian Gross seconded and the motion carried.

The Oil and Gas lease on the Tweed Estate is being negotiated and Lyn George moved that we authorize John Kearns to act as the negotiator on St Mark's behalf. Traute Gilbert seconded and the motion carried.

The Finance Committee recommends that the parish administrator be moved to a full-time, 40 hour a week position and that it be made a salaried position. This will be effective on June 1st. They also recommend a 3% raise for both the administrator and the sexton positions. There would be a 3% raise for the bookkeeper as well. Traute Gilbert moved that the Vestry authorize these raises. Thad Hunter seconded and the motion carried.

Brian Gross has been accepted to attend the Episcopal Divinity School beginning in June. He is requesting support from St Marks to help pay his way. He will be looking for other avenues to help with funding as well. He is requesting \$2821.50 to help fund the first semester of schooling. Thad Hunter moved that we use \$2821.50 from the Pathway to Ordination to pay for his first session. Jackie Hotle seconded and the motion carried.

Ministry Reports:

Stewardship Committee: The committee will be making several showings of the financial assistance movie that we watched at a previous meeting, during the summer, with classes to begin in August.

Fellowship Committee: The next scheduled event is the picnic in Washington Park, June 17th at 6:30 PM. They are also planning a late August square dance and pie contest.

Building Committee: Work is continuing on the outside brickwork on the church.

Outreach Committee: Presented a list of outreach disbursements that have not been made since the first of the year. The list is on their report and the total equals \$11,000. They are requesting authorization to make the

disbursements. Mark Grothe moved that we authorize the release of the payments. Thad Hunter seconded and the motion carried.

Rector's Report:

Fr. John had no report for this meeting.

He mentioned that he was concerned that there has not been a meeting of the Foundation committee since January. Clint Hernandez will get with Pat Hrnicek and they will try to re-ignite the Foundation Committee

Other Business:

Jane Cassel brought up that several members of the parish have expressed an interest in having 1 service during the summer months. There was extensive discussion about the pros and cons of doing this. The main issue was the bringing together of the members of the 8:00 and 10:00 services. The final decision was that we would continue with both services.

Jane Cassel moved that we have at least 2 brunches during the summer. This would be an opportunity for members of both services to socialize and encourage unity within the parish. The vestry would sponsor the first brunch to be held on June 6th. Brian Gross seconded and the motion carried.

It was brought up that there may be a shortage of volunteers. Fr. John felt that during the summer months this may not be a major issue and that we could probably function ok with less.

Brian Gross gave a closing prayer at about 9:00 PM.

Next meeting will be held on June 21st.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Grothe
Clerk of Vestry