

St. Mark's Church - Casper

Vestry meeting August 15, 2011

Members Present: Jane Cassel, Gwen Colgrove, Lyn George, Brian Gross, Clint Hernandez, Kayla Hyde, Melissa Hyde, Nancy Johnson, Kathy Nickerson, Margie Roberts, Pat Hrnicek

Members excused: Mark Mathern, Cindy King

In the absence of Sr. Warden, Mark Mathern, Jr. Warden, Jane Cassel conducted the meeting. The meeting opened with a prayer.

July 2011 Vestry Minutes:

Minutes of the Vestry meeting from July 18, 2011, had some corrections. Corrections were made, Gwen Colgrove moved to approve the July 18, 2011 minutes, Margie Robert's seconding; Motion Approved

Financial Report: Kathy Nickerson

- Plate is down; attendance is down but pledges are staying consistent
- Market took another hit. St Mark's is not relying on this to meet the budget
- The Outreach committee approved a \$1,000 for Father Philip's discretionary/benevolent fund.
- Statements will be available by the end of August. They will be in the Parish Hall at coffee hour.
- An individual from Hilltop National Bank will be invited to attend a Vestry meeting this fall to explain St. Mark's accounts and market expectations.
- Brian Gross moved to accept the financial report, Nancy Johnson seconding; Motion Approved

Jr. Wardens Report: Jane Cassel

- The Jr. Warden indicated that she did not have anything to report.

Ministry Reports

Building: The parking lot will be resealed. The bid for the reseal is for \$4208.50.

Pat Hrnicek moved to approve this expenditure, Lyn George seconding; Motion Approved

Fellowship: No report was received.

Foundation: There will be a meeting on September 18th

Outreach: The committee will be meeting in September after the summer break. No date has been set at this time.

Stewardship: Pledging season will be in the fall. Stewardship Sunday is set for October 23rd, 2011.

Adult Education: The history of Christianity will be the new study. The classes will be held once a month for 4 months, beginning in September.

New business

Youth group: There was a discussion regarding the youth group. Melissa Hyde indicated that she and Wendy Jo McCroskey would like co-direct the youth group this year. The group will meet with Father Philip once he starts working. It was suggested that a committee be developed to discuss with Father Philip what the youth group will look like and report back to the Vestry. Nancy Johnson volunteered to work with Father Philip on this project.

Rev. Philip Major: the letter of agreement was signed. He will be moving to Casper before school starts. The contract was signed before the background check was completed; Vestry expressed some concern about this process. Pat Hrnicek expressed some concern on the amount of time it was taking to get the background check completed. Nancy Johnson explained the company who completes the check is Oxford and it can take 60 to 90 days to complete. She also indicated that Fr. Major had an Oxford check in September, 2010 and it was fine. It was suggested that Sr. Warden, Mark Mathern, should talk to the Diocesan office about this concern. Father Philip's salary will be re-evaluated next year. If church members increase, the vestry may want to increase his salary. Vestry is planning a welcome celebration on September 11, 2011, for the Majors. The brunch will be between the services and hosted by the Vestry. The Vestry will ask the congregation to bring a picture of their family and a note about what they like about St. Mark's.

Mike Bon: he will be returning Indonesia for a job; the vestry will wait to see what Mike's duties will be when he returns to Indonesia.

Old business

There was a discussion regarding the service and picnic at the Pioneer Church at the fairgrounds. It was not clear when the service is to be held and what the responsibility is for St. Mark's.

Father Philip will preside on September 4th, 2011 for his first service at St. Mark's. There will only be one service at 9 AM. On September 11th, 2011, services will be held at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Closing prayer

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Melissa Hyde