

St. Marks – Casper

Vestry Meeting -- September 19, 2011

Members present: Jane Cassel, Gwen Colgrove, Lyn George, Traute Gilbert, Jeff Harmsen, Clint Herndandez, Pat Hrnicek, Melissa Hyde, Nancy Johnson, Mark Mathern, Kathy Nickerson, Margie Roberts

Members Excused: Brian Gross, Kayla Hyde

Guests: Wendy Jo McCroskey, Shila Groathouse

Fr. Philip opened with prayer.

Clint did the 'Episcopal Church Minute' and focused on the history of St. Mark's.

AUGUST 2011 MINUTES:

Gwen Colgrove moved to approve the August 2011 minutes, Margie Roberts seconding; Motion approved.

RECTOR'S REPORT:

Father Philip reported the following:

Father Philip has had the opportunity to meet with several of the ministries at St. Mark's. He will continue to try to meet with each ministry in the next few weeks.

- Started tracking numbers of: Sunday worship, Sunday school, youth program
- The youth program: Father Philip would like the Vestry's approval to develop a steering committee for the youth program. This committee will determine further steps to strengthen the program, recruit adults, determine training, and write a handbook. Mark Mathern moved to have Father Philip develop a steering committee to review the youth program, Jane Cassel seconding; Motion approved

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Kathy Nickerson reported the following:

- Sharon Darr from Hilltop National Bank has offered to come and update us about our investment account. We will see if she is available on 10/17.
- \$10,000 from money market was transferred into the checking account due to no tellers being available to count that week.
- Reminder that the \$30,000 from the investment account taken into consideration for budget planning may not happen due to volatility of the market
- Pay additional moving expenses for the new rector
- Vestry needs to approve \$1,375/month housing allowance as requested by Fr. Philip.

(This is required by the IRS.) Nancy Johnson moved to approve, Jane Cassel seconding; Motion approved

- Lyn George moved to accept the treasurer report, Nancy Johnson seconding; Motion approved

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT:

Mark Mathern asked that each Vestry member sign up on the teller sheet to teller at least 3 times.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

Building Committee: The parking lot will be repaved in this month. The committee is taking bids to replace the concrete on the sidewalk coming in from Wolcott St. The Vestry discussed the need to make the area handicap accessible. Jeff Harmsen indicated that the building committee could ask that the bids include handicap accessibility. Building committee will work out the details with contractors. Locks will be re-keyed; Cindy will get a list of who needs keys.

Fellowship Committee: The committee would like to partner with youth on some of their work this year.

Foundation Committee: The committee made a one grant of \$500 to help Mike Bon with moving expenses.

Food Closet: They have been busy with handing out food. They would also like help with packing.

Outreach Committee: There was no money for requests in September. The committee will do an evaluation on the monthly commitments and report to the congregation about what they are doing.

Stewardship Committee: The committee had nothing new to report this month. They are working on the all Stewardship letter to go out later in October.

Sunday School: Nothing new to report this month.

Finance: Time line was discussed about getting budget requests out to all ministry chairs so they could be returned asap. The finance committee will once again offer budget hearings later this fall.

New Business:

- Vestry reviewed the calendar of events coming up this next month
- By the next meeting have 3 or 4 initiatives to focus on for the next year; for example, what might be some church priorities. Vestry will meet starting around 5:15 on 10/17 with an informal meal to brainstorm ideas. The regular vestry meeting will begin at 6:30 as usual.
- Nancy Engstrom will be available in October to give flu shots at the church after Sunday worship services.
- There was a discussion about being more respectful of the church building and taking care of the floors, kitchen, etc. It was suggested that each ministry chair offer encouragement/reminders within their ministry about the care of the building.

- Pamela Kandt is setting up a discernment committee to become a vocational priest.

Old Business: None

Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Melissa Hyde