

Christ Church Vestry Minutes
April 10, 2008
7:00 PM

Present: Steve Brodt, Brandon Elliott, Andy Johnston, Bruce Kallos, Tilly Maassen, Rosanne Miller, Bitsy Robbins, Dana Robertson, Judy Sargent, Ann Wick, Ruth Kirk

Absent: Sandy Durgin, Wil Sherk

The Rector called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Opening prayer provided by Tilly Maassen. The Rector reported that our Senior Warden was with his family in Washington for the birth of his granddaughter.

Minutes from March 13 were approved as corrected.

Cluster Reports

Spirit Life

Dana Robertson reporting. The Spirit Life cluster group disseminated a draft of our mission statement. The group has been meeting and discussing the following topics: Sunday morning logistics and services, church school and adult education, and our youth groups. Rosanne Miller reported feedback that some are still looking for a more family-friendly service at 9 AM. There needs to be a clear communication to the parish about what we mean by family-friendly within the Episcopal context. We need a clear “what you can expect” statement that can be communicated to parishioners and available on our website. The Liturgy/Worship committee will also be looking at the makeup of our 9 AM service.

Feedback: Baptisms are a good opportunity to offer a welcoming coffee hour. That has been incorporated into our future plans.

Proposal for 2008/09: The Rector presented an outline of next year’s schedule. (Addendum 1)

Stewardship

The quarterly financial report was distributed. Questions go to Bruce Kallos, Susan Casscells, Ned Jackson, or Keith Dawson. (See report on Finance page of website)

Service to Others

Outreach Grant Allocation: Brandon Elliott reporting. The grant allocation process was reviewed along with the committee’s proposed allocations for 2008. Bruce Kallos moved, Tilly Maassen seconded that we accept the grant allocations as presented. The motion passed.

Wardens’ Report

The wardens are meeting with Ruth later in the month for her 6-month review.

Other Matters

The Alcohol Policy that was adopted last month will be posted around the Parish House as well as on the website.

Closing Prayer provided by Tilly Maassen.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Next meeting is May 8, 2008, at 7 PM; postponed to May 13 at 7:30 PM.

A Proposal for Children on Sunday Morning

9:00 is the hour for worship which is the principal response to God on the Lord's Day.

- ❖ For children under three there is nursery care, with an underlying practice of basic Christian virtues.
- ❖ For children aged 3 through second grade there is Godly Play, divided in age-appropriate groupings for worship and formation in the Christian spiritual life. On the first Sunday of each month all are in worship, with child care provided for.
- ❖ For children in third grade and above, children are in the main worship service. There would not be the undercroft during the sermon.

10:00 is the hour for reflection and nurture as followers of Christ.

- ❖ Adults have the options designed by the adult education committee.
- ❖ Youth are in *Journey to Adulthood*.
- ❖ Third grade through sixth grade are in small groups, using a curriculum that engages them in developing an inquiring and discerning heart.
- ❖ First and second graders would experience Christ within the CCCH community. We see this as a time to practice service and intergenerational fellowship in a variety of forms.
- ❖ Three- through five-year-olds would have supervised free play and a snack.

11:00 is another hour for worship.

- ❖ Child care is provided for young children.