

Christ Church Vestry Minutes
February 14, 2008
7:00 PM

Present: Sandy Durgin, Brandon Elliott, Andy Johnston, Bruce Kallos, Tilly Maassen, Rosanne Miller, Bitsy Robins, Dana Robertson, Judy Sargent, Wil Sherk, Ann Wick, Ruth Kirk

Absent: Steve Brodt

Also Present: Susan Casscells, John Crossan, Christine Appleyard-Smith, Caty Anthony, Preston Boyden, Sam Durgin, Robbie Grant, Brooke Kelly, Trish Johnston, Maggie Younger

The Rector called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Opening prayer provided by Brandon Elliott.

Minutes from the January meeting were approved as amended.

Cluster Reports

Spirit Life

J2A Pilgrimage: J2A members and their leaders presented an outline of their planned pilgrimage to Greece. 11 will be participating in the trip. See Addendum 1. The trip's budget was also outlined. The J2A group has requested \$10,500 from the Vestry. Discussion followed the presentation. The Vestry inquired about the type of journals that will be kept. The plan is for a group journal as well as individual journals. After returning from their pilgrimage, a presentation will be made to the parish, which will also be a part of the pilgrimage process. Several fund-raising ideas were discussed. Many in the parish are offering suggestions to the group. Discussion continued on what fund or part of the budget the church's contribution to the trip's funding might come from. One suggestion was that if the trip were postponed until 2009, our contribution toward expenses could be planned and budgeted. The group explained that the summer between sophomore and junior years was the optimal timing for a pilgrimage, and delaying it would pose a problem for many of the participants. It was suggested that if funds come from one of the restricted funds, the congregation does have an ongoing opportunity to contribute to that fund. The clergy restricted fund was suggested as a possible source. Dana Robertson moved, Ann Wick seconded a motion to support the J2A pilgrimage to Greece in an amount not to exceed \$10,500, from funds that are under the discretion of the Rector. The motion as amended was passed with two abstentions.

Schedule Management Team

The team clarified that they would focus on the communication of, and affirming, our Sunday schedule of services and education.

Stewardship

Susan Casscells, on behalf of the Finance Committee, presented a report of their work on stewardship and the budget. A Financial Town Meeting will be held on Sunday March 30, between services. The 2007 end-of-year financial statement was presented and details were reviewed (refer to budget documents or website). Bruce Kallos reported on the diocesan endowment fund as of 2007 year-end. The diocesan investment committee, of which Bruce is a member, is pleased with the results and fund returns. Susan gave Treasurer Ned Jackson's 2007 pledge review. Pledging units are down to 506 from a high of 743 five years ago. Possible budget cuts were discussed and could come from outreach, the diocesan pledge, parish programs, and capital reserve. Also an option is the use of the contingency fund.

Bruce Kallos then presented a draft of stewardship principles and structure for our parish stewardship on a year-round basis. Bruce Kallos moved, Wil Sherk seconded that the recommendations of the Stewardship Committee be accepted and put into place. The motion passed unanimously and enthusiastically.

The Senior Warden will circulate a document that helps to guide us in our cluster management work.

Wil Sherk moved, Andy Johnston seconded the election of Tilly Maassen as a lay delegate to the diocesan convention. Tilly will join John Crossan as one of two delegates from our parish.

Rector's Report

See Addendum 2.

The Rector noted that there is a CCEP long-range planning workshop on March 8.

A draft of a parish alcohol policy was circulated for consideration, with comments to come back to Dana Robertson. A policy will be formally adopted at the March Vestry meeting.

The Rector circulated a position description for Associate Rector, which included steps involved in the process; the goal is to make a call in late April. Canon Kunz will continue in his role of leading in pastoral care.

Closing prayer offered by Brandon Elliott.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM. Next meeting is March 13.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Robertson, Clerk

Addendum 1

The Journey to Adulthood 2008 Pilgrimage to Greece

❖ Background on the Journey to Adulthood (J2A) Program

➤ J2A at Christ Church

- Active at CCCH for four years
- Three sections- Rite 13, J2A, and Youth at Church
- Approximately 20 active participants in J2A
- Lay Leaders:
 - ◆ Rufus and Rosanne Miller
 - ◆ Eric Romano
 - ◆ Jamie Sheehan
- Clergy- Ruth Kirk

➤ Pilgrimage as a Part of the J2A Program

- Rite of passage for young men and women
- Journey of faith
- Pilgrims depend upon experience parents and church provide, as well as the awareness of a relationship with God in Christ
- J2A reclaimed a traditional spiritual discipline to help youth experience this spiritual journey
- Emphasis on the practice and power of prayer

➤ The Christ Church Pilgrimage

- Greece
- 11 Youth Pilgrims
 - ◆ Caty Anthony
 - ◆ Sam Durgin
 - ◆ Preston Boyden
 - ◆ Robbie Grant
 - ◆ Betsy Grubbs
 - ◆ Brooke Kelly
 - ◆ Kara Hunt
 - ◆ Rueben Mascitti
 - ◆ Trish Johnston
 - ◆ Will Graves
 - ◆ Maggie Younger
- 5 Adult Pilgrims (most likely only 3 will come)
 - ◆ John Crossan
 - ◆ Rosanne Miller
 - ◆ Rufus Miller
 - ◆ Christine Appleyard-Smith
 - ◆ Ruth Kirk (Clergy)

❖ **Mission of the Pilgrim Group**

- We are highly involved members of Christ Church, active in the Journey to Adulthood Program. We are going on a Holy Pilgrimage to Greece, in order to find and be found by God. We are journeying in an unfamiliar land to connect with each other as a spiritual group. By experiencing another culture and visiting holy sites we will grow as a group and as individuals.

<p>WHO Part of J2A program Mature Inexperienced By-the-book Homogeneous Privileged Effervescent Dedicated Accepting/Open Extroverted/Introverted Christ Church People</p>	<p>HOW Unfamiliar territory Outside comfort zone and/or what is known to us In the sites and experiences, including Christian and Pre-Christian sites Holy places, encounters with local culture and people Shared group experience and reflection By planning the trip all on our own</p>
<p>WHY To find God and ourselves and be found To separate ourselves from our daily lives The communion of saint Physical vs. spiritual journey "It's like a relay race. We've been handed the baton and now we have to take our jobs seriously."</p>	<p>WHAT Journey for God Searching for God inside you Connecting with others through spirituality Self-discovery Overcoming challenges to grow as a group and as individuals</p>

❖ **Principles and Process Guiding the Pilgrimage**

- **Bonding**
 - The Pilgrimage group meets every Sunday from 7:00 to 8:30
 - BOTY meets every other Sunday from 5:00 to 7:00
 - J2A Classes are a time of intense bonding and growth as a group
 - We plan other events like lock-in or retreat for the preparation and bonding
- **Planning**
 - The Pilgrimage country (Greece) was selected through a point assignment process
 - Four countries, each person numbers them 1, 2, 3, or 4
 - Add up each country's worth as each person assigned it
 - Greece had the most points by far- all except one person gave the country four points
 - Every pilgrim is now actively involved in planning and research
 - Travel book and map shopping as a group
 - Narrowing down what we want to do, what we want to see, where we want to go
 - Getting help from some parishioners and a travel agency for the details

- **Budget**
 - Generally the J2A pilgrimage is run on a funding plan in which
 - 1/3 of the cost comes from the pilgrims/parents
 - 1/3 of the cost comes from fundraising done by the pilgrims
 - 1/3 of the cost comes from the church
 - Because we are running on a shortened time period, the funding plan we have chosen is
 - 50% of the cost comes from parents/pilgrims
 - 25% of the cost comes from fundraising done by the pilgrims
 - 25% of the cost comes from the church

❖ **The Need**

- The “not-to-exceed” cost estimate for the trip is \$3,000/person x 14 people (11 pilgrims and 3 adult leaders), which comes to \$42,000.
- 25% of this cost is \$10,500.
- We are asking for this amount of money to help fund the J2A Pilgrimage to Greece.

❖ **A Tentative Timeline**

- **February**
 - Shrove Tuesday fundraising (about \$1000)
 - General planning
 - Finalize cost estimates
 - Develop fundraising plan
- **March**
 - Finalize overall plan
 - 2 fundraising events (tbd)
- **April**
 - Detailed plan
 - Review with Vestry
 - 2 Fundraising events (tbd)
- **May/June**
 - Spiritual Preparation
 - Fundraising (tbd)
- **July**
 - On Pilgrimage 4-14

Addendum 2
Rector's Report to the Vestry for February 14, 2008

Personal: The kitchen renovation is under way. The hope is that it is complete before Palm Sunday. The Pastoral Care Committee's new ministry, "Helping Hands," is beginning with providing meals for the Kirk family a few times over the course of the construction.

I will be away February 20-23 for the annual conference with the Consortium of Endowed Parishes.

Pastoral: Mary Cist departed this life on February 10, and we distributed an email announcement to inform the congregation. The service was today (attendance 142).

Staff: Bill (and Barbara) Field was away Feb. 10-14 and will be again briefly as they explore homes and communities to which they may relocate. Bill Owen returns from England February 15, and Carl Kunz returns from the South on February 20. Christine Appleyard-Smith will be visiting Virginia Seminary this weekend for their Conference on Ministry.

Parish: Sherry Lawton-Fasic has possession of the Pictorial Directory and has been in contact with Olan Mills. Tasks to be completed include the layout of several pages about our congregation, including staff photos and a welcome page. When the directory photos were taken, Catherine Dolan, Denise Harris, Walt Morris, and Elizabeth Elliott were missed, and new staff (Christine, Carl, and me) are not included. Olan Mills requires 45 working days for production, not including mailing time and our proofreading of the "dummy." 248 families were photographed last year.

The Lenten Wednesday Evening Series has begun. The design is an intergenerational approach to learning that uses an experience/reflection model of learning. The series is, "We are the body of Christ." There were 22 present for the first session. Lu Johnston is working with Christine, Elizabeth and me on the program, and Molly Spruance is helping with the meals.

CCEP: The preschool's long range planning work continues on Saturday, March 8 from 8:30 to noon here at the church. The Rev. Ed Godden is returning to lead this part of the process. I hope Vestry members will participate in this work and that you will take the time to have the tour with our head of school, Catherine Dolan. She has set aside Friday, February 29 @ 9:00 am and Thursday, March 6 @ 9:00 for our Board of Directors. Please RSVP to Denise Harris at dharris@christchurchde.org with your plans for both the tour of the school and the strategic planning session. Also, you are always welcome to attend the weekly chapel service at 11:00 am on Tuesdays. We ask that you sit in the balcony or the very back rows of the chapel.

Diocese: The diocesan convention is approaching, and it is our responsibility to send representatives. John Crossan is the continuing delegate, and Tilly Maassen has agreed to be nominated as the other delegate. However, we do not have alternates, nor a system in place for the congregation to elect its representatives. This is something we should consider when we next revise the bylaws of the parish.

Also, we were asked to approve a policy on the use of alcohol. The Parish Life committee will present their proposal tonight for our consideration.