

Vestry Minutes

September 10, 2009

Members present: Pattie Jones, Jorie Martin, Pete Plourd, Andrea Pinard, Richard Swanson, Jean Mary Taylor, Bill Romoser, Bonnie Landis, Chris Fleet.

Absent: Sharon Maddox, Bill Beene

Guest: Pat Weichmann. Pat informed the Vestry that she had found another volunteer group to take over the 1st Tuesday of the month, Mount Vernon Baptist Church will continue with the 2nd Tuesday, Rotary is doing the third Tuesday and Calvary is the 4th Tuesday. Pat said that on average we serve approximately 144 meals each Tuesday.

Bonnie Landis expressed many thanks and gratitude to for all her giving and the starting of this most important program.

The Rector opened the meeting at 4:40 pm with a reading and discussion from Luke 5 followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Minutes: Minutes of the July meeting were approved with corrections.

Motion to accept: Patti Jones, second: Chris Fleet.

Treasurer's Report: Pete Plourd gave a brief report in the absence of Sharon Maddox. Pete was amazed at the amount of money in our account and made the assumption that Sharon had paid all the bills. Our expenses all seem to be in line. Copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Rector's Report: Debbie gave an update on the condition of Natalie Austin and informed the vestry of the passing of Anita Butler on Friday, September 11, 2009. A service will be held at Calvary on Saturday, September 12, at 2:00p.m.

Senior Warden's Report: Chris Fleet thanked all for returning the Objectives for 2009 and Progress Toward Vision 2020. He also said that if he missed anything or that there needed to be updates to please let him know. These Objectives will appear in the September issue of our Calvary Life. A copy of these objectives is attached to the minutes.

The vestry expressed thanks to Chris for all the work he has put into this very important project.

Chris pointed out that at the last Endowment Trustees meeting, the election of officers took place and the same officers will again serve this year. They are: Randy Bailey, Chair, Chris Fleet, Vice-Chair and Treasurer, Pete Plourd.

Chris brought to our attention that one of the niches in the columbarium was caved in, it was originally thought that perhaps some vandalism had occurred, but it is now believed that this is a settling process. Chris has spoken with the columbarium company and they are going to submit a proposal for repair.

Chris pointed out that we are still on a month to month basis with the Red Cross on the rental of their office at 128 N. Royal.

Junior Warden's Report: Bill Romoser. Debbie asked Bill to pass on to Martha Ann how successful our Retreat was and appreciated all the hard work she did in making this the success that it was. Bill in turn thanked Debbie and Jean Mary for all that they did as well. Some discussion on the events that took place at the Retreat. Bill also mentioned that Martha Ann's next project would be the Foyer Groups.

Bill engaged a young man, off the street, to clean up 128 N. Royal, trim the bushes, etc. The man's name is Brandon. Bill needs someone, a volunteer to oversee the grounds at 128. Any ideas or suggestions please advise him.

Bill wants to upgrade the outside of the building, put in plants and so forth.

There will be another workday sometime in October. Any projects that anyone feels needs to be done, please let Bill know.

Frank Baxter still has concerns regarding the garden and vandalism and feeling that folks are sleeping back there. Lights are going to be put up higher on the wall, they will be dusk to dawn and hopefully this will act as a deterrent for such activities.

The Cat food has been moved; it is now behind Weber Hall.

Chris asked Bill about the roof that is over part of the church and kitchen area. Bill has a bid from S&S Roofing in the amount of \$975.00.

Bill felt that this was a bit high and if anyone has any ideas for another roofer please let him know.

Bonnie Landis asked if he had contacted Hank Gorecki. Bill will give him a call.

Lay Assistant: Jean Mary Taylor reported that Shae Parker has made a beautiful banner for the Air Show. Also, Jean Mary had mentioned to him about a sign that would be a "wrap around" which would show on both Royal and 2nd Avenue. A banner that would allow information to be changed as events change.

Sunday School for our younger children starts this Sunday, September 13th, ages 3-10. Calvary Crew, our older group 11-18, will start on September 20th. The opening theme will be "Baptism in the Shenandoah River" with the baptism of Peyton Parker. Some discussion took place on the location and transportation. A birthday party for Peyton will be held back at Calvary

Jean Mary reported on the status of the new Website. Hopefully it will be up soon.

Jean Mary discussed the upcoming CROP walk, which is an event to help support the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, which includes Warren County. The walk will take place in Winchester. This walk is sponsored by Church World Services. Lisa Bakos is the Calvary coordinator for the event. The date is Sunday, October 4th, starting at 2:00 p.m. and the walk is 4 miles. Sponsors for the walkers are needed. One fourth of the funds raised goes to Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. The remaining monies go to Church World Services, who will distribute among other areas. Discussion on route, walkers, sponsors and the Church World Services followed.

Finance: no report

Stewardship: Andrea Pinard informed the vestry that this committee met on Wednesday, September 9th, and discussed the letters that we are doing and the package that will go out to the parishioners. There was also a suggestion made for a button that could be given out that would say: "I upped mine, (shows arrow going up) yours". Debbie pointed out that in the past we have had good response with buttons and depending on whom you may be speaking with would be how you would explain this button. Calvary will not be on the button. Discussion continued regarding the button.

The committee has the calendar completed showing the dates affecting our time line for distribution of the stewardship information. Andrea also mentioned that this is the first pledge card to have the new gifts and endowment program check box.

Planned Giving update on the Gift and Endowment Program was presented and Frank Baxter is going to chair this program. Frank was to review this policy and get back to Debbie. Andrea has sent Frank a list of possible individuals for the Gifts and Endowment Committee from which he can select his committee. If no changes in the policy are made then the word "DRAFT" will be removed and the policy will be in effect.

Outreach: Richard Swanson mentioned the Air Show, which started out as an idea by Barbara Savidge to reach out into the community, and she put up \$50.00 to secure a booth for us. Barbara is unable to coordinate this as she is involved with the Air show committee. Peg Goodyear will coordinate the event. Pattie Jones and Jorie Martin said they would help out at our booth.

Ann Crim called Richard from the Angle Tree organization to ask Calvary to participate in this program. Angle Tree is a program that secures names of children in need and passes the names on to churches and other organizations to help with the securing of Christmas gifts for these children. Sandra Varney is in charge of the Calvary group for this activity. There was some misunderstanding in how Angle Tree worked, thinking it included the whole family, but that is not the case, it is only for the children. Richard has asked Sandra to call Ann Crim and work things out with her. Last year, we had difficulty getting the names of the needy from the school guidance counselors, so not much time was left to get the shopping completed. Sandra will get back to Richard regarding how we will work things out this year with Angle Tree.

Richard discussed The Volunteer Farms Project and explained that this program is one that supports local farms who are giving crops for local food banks. They need help in gathering the crops on Mondays through Saturdays from 8:00a.m. to noon. Jean Mary Taylor thought it might be a good idea as a project for the youth group. All crops will go to the local food bank. This project is from now to November 1st. Discussion followed regarding transportation and other issues.

Communications: Peg reminded the group of the upcoming major fundraiser for Saint Luke Clinic, "Saints at the Ranch". A new location has been secured for the event, that being the new barn at the fairgrounds. The date is Saturday, September 26th, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Dinner, music, good food, wine, silent and live auctions are presented all for a good cause. Please help support the clinic that provides such a great service to our community. If you cannot attend, a donation of any amount would be greatly appreciated.

Fellowship: Jorie Martin brought to the board suggestions from members of the parish that perhaps we could have a potluck once a month. This would be in addition to the men's club dinners, but would not be held so that they would be in conflict with those functions. The Foyer Groups are good ways to meet others, but many can not tie up their homes for that period of time and many homes are not large enough to meet the needs. The other factor would be those families with children. Another suggestion was that we try and have a combined coffee hour (8:00 am and 10:30). The difficulty would be the logistics of working this out. The 8:00 am parishioners have a coffee hour the first Sunday of the month; otherwise they just have coffee available after the service. No decision was reached on how to do this.

Discussion followed on the 10:30 coffee hour and Jorie felt that we really need to have some one to make sure that things are cleaned up, especially the coffee pot and that things are put away. Folks who would sign up, somewhat like a shepherd, to oversee that these things are done. They do not have to provide the food, but work with the group that is providing the refreshments to help set up, receive the food, make sure things are cleaned up and put away.

Chris thought that a potluck on the first Sunday of the month would be a great idea, if we can get the 10:30 folks to come early.

Bonnie said that she felt that we should not have to go to this much trouble to get people to come to coffee hour. If they are interested, they will come and will sign up to bring food. Potluck would be a way to go, as many cannot do the Foyer Groups. It would be a night out for the adults.

Discussion continued with nothing being resolved at this point. The idea of the potluck was appealing and will be pursued.

Memorials: Bonnie informed the board that the new plaque is completed is in place and is beautiful. If you have not seen it please take the time to look at it. The plaque is located in the rear of the church where the two other plaques are located.

Long Range/Strategic Planning (executive Committee)

2020 Vision:

Chris Fleet informed the vestry that the committee will meet later this month to set objectives and the plan to implement the program. Chris also reminded us of the CPR class to be held on Thursday, October 8th, at 7:00p.m. A short video will be shown and dummies will be provided for the hands on work. Please consider signing up.

Growth and Involvement Comm. Martha Redstrom-Plourd, Convener, Corinne Llewellyn, Nancy Dougherty, Shae Parker, Jane Kane, Tom Varney, Barbara Savidge.

Diocese of Virginia/Region 14: Pete Plourd. No date has been set at this time.

Old Business: none

New Business: Executive Planning: Wednesday, September 30, 2009
Jorie will provide light refreshments for the meeting.

Newsletter and Sunday Morning Summaries:

Pete will do the 8:00 a.m. and Jean Mary will do the 10:30.

Points: Air Show, CROP Walk, Potluck Dinner idea

Bonnie Landis: Memorial Plaque.

Next Vestry meeting will be Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Goodyear

Register: Calvary Episcopal Church