

Church of the Epiphany Vestry Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2009

The Vestry Meeting began with Fr Robin leading the group in prayer at 7:07 PM.

Fr. Robin, Fr Luke and Roger Kodat were present at this meeting.

Vestry Members Attendance: Present (P), Excused (E)

Bassert, David	P	Fetzer, Bill	P
Black, Murray	E	Mentzer, Steve	E
Conlon, Tom	E	Morris, Ralph	P
Cummings, Ross	P	Pantzer, Larry	P
Edmunds, Gin	E	Reed, David	P
Ellis, Lisa	P	Welch, Jan	P

Adult Education Committee Proposal – Roger Kodat

Roger described the functions and purposes of the AEC as detailed in the proposal. He said it will not be a politburo and is not going to slow things down. Bill asked how the members are selected. Roger responded that it's a matter of them wanting to serve. Dave Bassert asked about putting discussion topics before the committee in the context of the Simple Church book and suggested "if you're gonna do it, measure it." Could each group provide membership and attendance statistics?

There was much discussion on the difference between adult education in the classroom and in home groups, with home groups given more autonomy in the conduct of their lessons. We agreed that the proposal applies well to classes conducted formally, at the church, but many felt it would be too restrictive on home groups. We agreed to postpone further discussion regarding home groups until later this summer.

Treasurer and Finance Committee Report – Lisa Ellis

Lisa handed out the usual reports and explained them. So far, with two Sundays in July, we are running close to what is needed for our new Fiscal Year. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Dave Reed, seconded by Dave Bassert.

The Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) asked each parish to contribute \$1,000. The vestry concurred unanimously, with the understanding this is "off budget", on a motion by Dave Reed, seconded by Jan Welch.

Planning and Vision – Lisa Ellis

Lisa handed out and discussed the reorganization chart, noting an addition for Communications (webmaster, announcements, Star, calendar, etc.) under Vestry Officers and Special Duties.

Janice needs the budget line item detail to set up her accounts in the new system. Vestry members need to inform Janice as to how to set up the accounts.

Approval of the leadership for the revised compositions of vestry commissions: Dave Reed moved to accept the commission and ministry list, Ralph Morris seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Fund-raising policy: SCRIP Fundraising refers to the sale of "substitute money" i.e. gift cards, with discount proceeds going to the church. Lisa provided a PowerPoint presentation of how this works. Her handout showed a variety of participating merchants, restaurants, etc., with

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respective percentages returned to the participating charity. Lisa suggested that half go to a specified church ministry or to the General Fund and that the other half could be set aside for use by the purchasing member/family for retreat fees or similar individual purposes. Lisa will email the detailed presentation to all and get more information about the duties and labor of coordinators.

Building use policy: Dave Reed presented his latest update. Administratively not much would change. Philosophically, current policy says outside group has to “share Epiphany’s vision and mission” to participate. The new policy would permit groups that contribute to the welfare of the community and which would not be in conflict with the vision or values of the Church. Discussion included the need for a “reasonableness and grace test” to allow some margin for judgment. Dave will change phrasing and accept further suggestions.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 9, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously upon correction of the spelling of “Bassert” throughout.

Old Business

Approval of Mike Glor’s Postulancy: The duly printed motion approving Mike Glor’s postulancy was unanimously approved on a motion by Lisa, seconded by Larry, and signed by all members present.

Reports

Chancellor’s Report: There has been a delay in transmitting the appeal to the Virginia Supreme Court, other than which, nothing has changed.

There were no further reports.

Adjournment

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:23 PM on a motion by Dave Reed, seconded by Dave Bassert.

Approved minutes by Larry Pantzer substituting for Tom Conlon.