

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Medina, Ohio

Vestry Minutes – February 17, 2014

PRESENT: Jeff Berno, Chuck Catanese, Diane Demers, John Fink, Dennis Foy-Jr. Warden, Chris Fulton – Sr. Warden, Eric Funston – Rector, Mark Hansen, Sean Hennigan, Sandra Herbst, Kim Kelly, Ray Sizemore, Marc Stamper

OFFICERS: Melinda Rucinski – secretary

ABSENT: Joe Mahn - treasurer

- I. Spiritual Opening –The meeting opened at 7:02 with a spiritual discussion. Sean Hennigan shared his spiritual story.
- II. Approval of Minutes of January Meeting – Sean Hennigan moved to accept the minutes, with corrections to add John Fink as present, Mark Hansen seconded and the motion passed. Chris Fulton moved to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Vestry, Kim Kelly seconded and the motion passed.
- III. Open forum – Vestry Responsibilities
- IV. Old Business and Regular Reports
 - A. Grow My Church! Program
 1. Frontline – Ray Sizemore discussed future events: Art Show and Dave Ramsey seminar
 2. Newcomer – Diane Demers and Shelley Tribsch and committee will be meeting soon to revisit their current programs.
 3. Worship – see below
 - B. Building Improvement Enhancement
 1. Office Relocation Project – The new doors have not arrived yet. The old furniture has been discarded. Sunday School supplies have been moved. The rector has begun packing up his office.
 2. Additional Funding of Capital Project – The reInviting the Future committee met recently to review the current status of the project and how to address the cost overruns. A suggestion was to ask parishioners to extend their pledge to their campaign another year. They would also like to have a party to celebrate the completion of the new space.
 - C. Fellowship and Hospitality Events
 1. Post-Mortem Pancake project – Wednesday, the 19th at Sully's Pub after the 6:30 Eucharist
 2. March 4 – Parish Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
 3. March 22 – Irish Festival - Sean Hennigan and his committee met to finalize details of the Festival. The event will be free with a 'lockbox' for free will donations. We can sell beer with a \$40 permit. Chuck Catanese moved to authorize the committee to spend up to \$3000 to hold this event. Chris Fulton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. May 9 – Cleveland Philharmonic Concert – This is a Friday night \$10/person event. The concert will begin at 8pm.
 5. June 8 (Pentecost) – Inviting the Future Celebration
 - D. Bicentennial Celebration Committee – reconstitution of committee – Mary Jane Brewer has resigned as chairwoman of this committee.
- V. New Business
- A. Parish Responsibilities
 1. Congregational Life oversight – to be determined at the Vestry retreat
 2. Counting Calendar – a sign-up sheet was passed around for the upcoming year
 - B. Vestry Retreat – The focus for this retreat will be the Vestry as spiritual leaders of the parish as well as interfacing with our neighbors.
- VI. Administrative & Pastoral Reports
- A. Senior Warden’s report – Chris Fulton asked that focus is placed on the monthly Battered Women’s Shelter donation requests.
 - B. Junior Warden’s report - No report.
 - C. Treasurer’s report – Joe Mahn was absent. Fr. Funston discussed various aspects of the financial reports for January. Kim Kelly moved to accept the financial reports subject to audit, Sandra Herbst seconded. The motion passed unanimously
 - D. Rector’s report – An Executive session of the Vestry was held.
- VII. Calendar Review
- A. February 18 – Brown Bag concert at noon
 - B. February 28/March 1 – Annual Vestry “Retreat”
 1. Feb. 28 – Dinner at Rustic Hills Country Club
 2. Mar. 1 –Day-long meeting at Medina Library
 - C. March 4 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (Vestry host, youth serve), 6-7:30 pm, Nick Keck will be our resident chef. A sign-up sheet was passed around for working this event.
 - D. March 5 – Ash Wednesday (Services at 8 am and 7 pm)
 - E. March 12 – Begin “Wednesdays at St. Paul’s” Lenten program
 - F. March 17 – Next Regular Vestry Meeting
 - G. March 18 – Brown Bag Concert at noon
- VIII. Closing Prayer & Adjournment – The meeting closed at 9:07 with the Lord’s Prayer.
- Respectfully submitted,

Melina Rucinski,
Clerk of the Vestry