

Vestry Minutes
December 20, 2010

Present: Fr. Adam, Alice Williams, Bob Edeburn, Mike Rice, Frank O'Stafy, Jim Allen, Laura Peretic, Madge Tamber, Pat Gross, Paula Ference, Donna Billioni.
Absent: Connie Raymer, Keith Rowlands

Fr. Adam called the meeting to order at 7:05 with prayer.

Pat Gross made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 8, 2010 meeting, which was seconded by Madge Tamber. Motion carried

Rector's Report

Father Adam discussed the various changes to the liturgy during Advent, which for the most part were well received.

Attendance at the Wednesday evening Advent programs was minimal.

He has been doing some community outreach at the Community Counseling Ecco drop-in Center on Irvine Avenue, which has been appreciated by those at the Center.

Treasurer's Report

After reviewing the November Financial Statement, Jim Allen noted that pledge income was slightly down in November, but anticipated that most people would catch up in December.

2011 pledges were reviewed. While not all pledges have been turned in, it is estimated that pledge income will be up slightly from 2010. Parishioners who have not yet turned in their pledge cards will be contacted.

Junior Warden's Report

The lighting circuit board in the sacristy has been repaired. While trying to get the sanctuary spotlights replaced, Frank was told that the bulbs for the spot lights & sanctuary fixtures have become obsolete, and when they can be found, are upwards of \$20.00 each. He is consulting with some electricians regarding possible replacements.

He is still waiting on one final quotation for air conditioning for Allen Hall, and hopes to have that by the next vestry meeting.

Other Business

Terri Sanata, our Financial Secretary, has resigned, but will continue assisting Tina through

the end of the year. At this point, Tina is going to cover the position of Financial Secretary; this will be reviewed going forward, to see if this is working out. Mike Rice made a motion to give Terri a bonus of \$250.00 for her continuing assistance, and the motion was seconded by Madge Tamber. Motion carried.

Father Adam noted that we need a minimum of 3 nominations for vestry for the coming year, and asked for names of potential candidates.

Father Adam presented a comprehensive job description for a Family and Youth Minister. He will discuss with the Diocese getting financial assistance for this position with the Diocese.

The church directories are in, and will soon be distributed.

A letter was received from Bishop Rowe, addressing our concerns regarding the mandatory Diocesan Health Insurance policy for Father Adam. He assured us that the diocese has carefully reviewed the available options to select the best policy available at a reasonable cost, and will continue to do so in the future.

The City of Sharon sent a letter seeking our participation in the PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) Program. The City is in a financial crisis, and is contacting tax exempt organizations for assistance. Even though we pay no taxes, we still receive fire and police service. After discussion, it was agreed that Father Adam could send a donation of \$1,000.00 from the discretionary fund.

A letter was read from Barb Bogolin, regarding getting screens for Allen Hall, and also expressing dissatisfaction with the new newsletter format and timely mailing. After discussion, it was decided that given the configuration of the windows, and also the intention of air conditioning Allen Hall, the screen idea was tabled at this time. It appears that other parishioners are also having problems receiving the newsletter in a timely fashion, and also are not completely happy with the new configuration. This will be looked into.

Madge Tamber discussed the necessity of renewing our Games of Chance license. She was authorized to send the form in in January.

Father Adam gave the dates for several events for the "Seeing with New Eyes" process. Two parish-wide events will be held; the first on January 29th, from 9:00 to 3:00, the second on April 9th, from 9:00 to 3:00. There will also be 3 workshops, held on March 6th, March 20, and March 27th, directly following the 10:00 service.

The date of the Annual Meeting has been set for January 23rd, 2011.

There being no further business to discuss, Frank O'Stafy motioned to adjourn the meeting; Alice Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Peretic, Clerk

