

## VESTRY MEETING

December 15, 2009

6 PM

**Present:** Fr. Jim, Richard Jodoin, Anna Schubert, Steve Maas, Carroll Matthews, Pat Polderman, Mark Polderman, Bill Miller, Dick Deppoliti, Nita Layton, Joyce Withers

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Jim opened the meeting with a short prayer.

**Secretary's Minutes:** The Secretary's Minutes from both the November Vestry meeting and the special budget meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mark said that November was one of our best months and we had a surplus of \$6,700. He said that year-to-date expenses are higher by \$6,200 and we need \$35-40 K in December to break even for the year. Fr. Jim remained hopeful reminding everyone that people have until December 31<sup>st</sup> to get their pledge money in.

Mark also mentioned he thought the budget process went well and the total budget for 2010 is 1.9% higher than 2009 at \$307,880.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented unanimously.

**Reports: Rector – Fr. Jim:** Fr. Jim notified the Vestry that his housing allowance for 2010 will remain at \$32,000, but that Vestry approval was still needed. The Vestry unanimously approved Fr. Jim's housing allowance at \$32,000 for 2010.

Next Fr. Jim shared that Mike Cornelius, a parishioner and a licensed electrician, has offered to retrofit all lighting in the Church at no cost, reducing our electric bill by approximately 12-15% per year.

St. Peter's Annual Meeting will take place the day after the Diocesan General Convention and there are currently 5 nominees (Donn Burrows, Steve Maas, Mo Pearce, Dori Peterson, Ruth Rosow) running for 3 Vestry positions. In an attempt to increase attendance at the Annual Meeting, Anna suggested combining both services that day. She thought it would also help the parishioners from both services to get to know each other. After some discussion, it was decided to hold only one service at 9:30 AM on the morning of Sunday, January 31, 2010. The Annual Meeting will follow the service and Joyce will ask Lois to provide light refreshments for the attendees.

The delegates attending the Diocesan General Convention in Lakeland with Fr. Jim this year are Ruth Rosow, Ann Norwood and Paula McCartha. Mark & Pat Polderman are the alternates.

Next Fr. Jim asked what everyone thought about holding the Vestry meetings on a Sunday afternoon instead of Tuesday evening. He said he is hoping to generate more of a commitment from those elected, as he feels too many Vestry members miss too many meetings to be effective.

**Sr. Warden – Bernie Jensen:** None

**Jr. Warden – Bill Miller:** Bill thanked Carroll for stepping up and doing a great job filling in as Jr. Warden during the past year.

**Old Business: Communication -** Pat reported that the revised and updated web site will be ready to be revealed at the Annual Meeting.

**Family Promise –** Fr. Jim said he would like us to make a decision regarding St. Peter's participation in Family Promise. Anna said she took it upon herself to speak to several parishioners about Family Promise and discovered folks are split 50/50 for and against the program. Amid the discussion Fr. Jim said it's real important we say we care about these people and he suggested St. Peter's commit to 1 week as a trial so we can better assess future participation. He believes the real issue is manpower, not logistics or money.

A motion was made by Bill Miller, seconded by Anna Schubert and passed unanimously to host Family Promise families in the Parish House for 1 week in either February or March.

It was agreed that we have a sign-up sheet ready at the Annual Meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Jim closed the meeting in prayer at 7 PM and everyone proceeded to his and Sally's home for the Annual Vestry Christmas get-together.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Withers