

Vestry Meeting

November 16, 2010

5:30 p.m.

Present: Fr. Jim Spencer, Richard Jodoin, Dori Peterson, Steve Maas, Anna Schubert, Bernie Jensen, Nita Layton, Donn Burrows, Pat Polderman, Mark Polderman, Jennifer Noble

Opening Prayer: Fr. Jim opened the meeting with prayer and blessed the meal.

Secretary's Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

Communications: Pat introduced Jennifer Noble, who excitedly reported our interactive website is ready for "soft launch" in the next day or so. She provided an overview of the many user-friendly elements present, including MapQuest directions to St. Peter, a "fluid" home page prepared for continuous updates, Facebook interface, a photo gallery, online forms linked to Excel-based data retrieval which will facilitate significant reduction in paper use, multiple useful links and an interactive church calendar (the one element pending final preparation). Fr. Jim thanked Communications Chair Pat Polderman for the eighteen months she has devoted to this effort along with innumerable hours of work by Jennifer, Pat and Sally Spencer.

Treasurer's Report -- Mark reported that October was another good month with income greater than budget by \$7,665 and YTD by \$22,574. Although expenses for the month were higher than budget by \$1,539 our bottom line showed a surplus of \$6,126 for October and \$18,979 YTD. It was noted our recently established goal to establish a Stabilization Fund to increase cash reserves has already been met via a bequest.

The second part of the Treasurer's Report dealt with the proposed 2011 budget. Finance Committee members Mark Polderman, Donn Burrows, Steve Maas, Richard Jodoin and Joyce Withers had met together several times prior to the Vestry meeting to develop the proposed budget and then met with Fr. Jim to review it and get his input. Mark presented the committee's recommendations, reviewing each line item's status and assumptions with possible options for increasing revenue projections and reducing expenses such that a short fall of \$7,716 could be reduced to a zero balance.

The Vestry voted to accept "in principle" the proposed budget but decided to wait until early January to vote on approval which would give the committee more time to get more current data regarding income and expenses.

Fr. Jim commented we should be grateful our parish is doing as well as we are financially.

Sr. Warden -- Donn asked the Vestry to consider when the December meeting should be scheduled. After discussion December 14th was selected.

Donn requested everyone, particularly the three departing Vestry members, to start thinking about replacements.

Anna suggested we offer our Vestry pins to those who replace us and it was agreed.

Old Business: 25th Anniversary -- Nita announced fellow 25th anniversary planning

committee members: Dori Peterson, Bev Gurtis and Judy Burrows. Nita and Dori provided an overview of initial plans for the celebration. There will be a festive buffet dinner at Sugar Mill Country Club on Friday, March 25, at a cost of \$25.00 per ticket (\$5 of which will cover additional incidental costs). The event will include live music and aspects of St. Peter's history. On Saturday, March 26, there will be a service of celebration and reception on the back deck. The Bishop has been invited to attend. Regular services will be offered on Sunday.

Ideas were offered to support cash flow needs and everyone was asked to think of the many people linked with St. Peter's 25-year history to be invited.

New Business: Budget 2011 -- See under Treasurer's Report above.

Rector's Report -- Fr. Jim stated he was given the opportunity to have a Deacon in Training from Advent I to Easter. Barbara Longacre from Grace Church, Port Orange will be involved in various ministry related activities under his supervision.

Ongoing property issues: Fr. Jim stated he is continuing to explore possibilities. He then discussed an offer of real estate made by a former parishioner who wants the gift to be used for some sort of ministry. Having opened the process with the Vestry, Fr. Jim said he'd like to solicit ideas regarding use of the property by assembling a group of Senior Wardens. Everyone was in agreement.

Closing Prayer: The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Schubert, Clerk