

Saint Mary's Anglican Church

February 10th, 2011 Vestry Meeting Minutes

Vestry Members Present:

Fr. Michael Sclafani, <i>Rector</i>	Kyle Campbell, <i>Clerk</i>	Tom Metry, <i>Member</i>
Peter Cabbiness, <i>Sr. Warden</i>	Dcn Jane Williams, <i>Deacon</i>	Virginia Engle, <i>Member</i>
Gerald Hatler, <i>Jr. Warden</i>	Jack Van Patten, <i>Member</i>	Deo Bartolome, <i>Member</i>

Vestry Members Absent:

Judy Wilson, *Treasurer (Excused)*

Invited Guests:

None

Observers:

None

Opening Prayer/Devotional

The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm with prayer and devotional.

Call to Order and Verify a Quorum

It was verified that there was indeed a quorum. Father Michael also distributed a new vestry member list and a copy of the parish bylaws.

Minutes of January 13th Vestry Meeting

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the January 13th meeting by Peter Cabbiness. The motion was seconded by Ginny Engle. Tom Metry inquired as to how we can know if the absences are excused or unexcused. Kyle mentioned that it is stated in the "roster" at the header of each month's meeting minutes. The motion was approved to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Financial Reports

The treasurer's reports were received and briefly discussed.

A "Same Month" income report was generated to show a comparison to demonstrate how we are doing financially compared to last year.

Father Michael mentioned that certain expenses may appear to be over budget but are not because some expenses are paid quarterly instead of monthly.

Copier: may have been paid two months.

Plate income, offerings, pledges, etc. were more than originally budgeted.

Ginny inquired as to whether the diocesan assessments were correct. Father Michael explained that the diocese is now basing assessments on actual income and that in January there was a downward adjustment to our total assessment owed for December 2010 as we had prepaid additional assessment last January to help the diocese with cash flow.

Property Reports

Jr. Warden Report

Jerry had no reports.

The Driveway:

Father Michael has added white paint on the letters of the entry drive sign to make it easier to see, in addition to some solar lights to mark the drive in the evening.

The sensor for the lighting in the ladies restroom is broken, and stays on, and the men's' restroom lock is broken and needs to be fixed.

Father Michael picked up a rechargeable leaf blower to clean up the sidewalk and patio areas of the church that collect debris in between the landscapers work day.

Tom mentioned he would take a look at the switch and lock on the restrooms.

Ginny mentioned the possibility of unlocking the storage room so that those serving for hospitality would have access. Fr. Michael said he will unlock it when he arrives on Sunday mornings.

Other Reports

Deacon Jane

Deacon Jane did apply for the Shares card. The cards have arrived.

Sr. Warden Stewardship & Fundraiser's Report

So far, out of the 52 giving units, 25 pledges have been received totaling \$69,898. The giving units have increased from 49.

Follow up progress? Peter and Ginny had planned on following up. Everyone Peter has contacted stated that they are getting their cards in.

Upcoming Fundraiser plans. Peter mentioned in previous meetings that he planned on a quarterly fundraiser. He is tentatively planning a crab feed for April/May.

Youth Ministry Report

Leadership Team Meeting 2/3/11. Father Michael met with the Youth Group and General youth ministry leadership. He has a plan to meet quarterly to go over quarterly plans and the overall view for the year and for each quarter..

Looking into *Youth Outreach Ministries in Fresno*

Restructured Meetings 6-8:30pm

Focus of the youth group is to restructure how meetings are run. There have been some complaints on the lateness due to distance, and the meetings will be ending at 8:30

Youth Group will attend Stations of the Cross on Friday 4/1/11

Planning a snow trip to the mountains on a Saturday 2/26/11

The Rock and Worship Roadshow at the Savemart Center on Sunday 3/13/11 at 5pm

Sunday 3/20/11. St. Patrick's Day Irish Stew and Luncheon Fundraiser

3-4 Luncheon Fundraisers throughout the year.

TEC vs. DSJ Lawsuit Update

No new information.

Diocesan/Deanery, Ecumenical, and Area Church News

Pastor Rich Latta and Life Springs Presbyterian Church

In 2008, Life Spring Presbyterian had shared the space on Sundays in the afternoon, and at the end of 2009, they were able to rent a building on an exclusive use. Father Michael met with him, and joined in on the Ecumenical meetings. The church had been subsidized by their presbytery, and those funds are coming to an end. Their membership is down to about 35, and they have 10-20 at services on Sundays.

Tom Metry mentioned that they had been at the church for about three years.

The Grove Community Church Vandalism on Sunday 2/6/11

Pastor Samurai arrived and there was graffiti everywhere on the portables where they worship at Fancher Creek Elementary School. Pastor David Powell's name was written on the church stating "You're next". Pastor Powell is at Sunnyside Baptist, the church across the street from St. Mary's. Over the past few months, they have had several thousands of dollars of vandalism. Pastor Powell believes his 17 year old son is involved in the vandalism. Father Michael mentioned that we are fortunate that our campus is heavily used, and that we all need to stay alert.

Vacation Bible School July 26-29, 2011 (Tues-Fri Eve). FIVE Churches will be participating this year

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The Grove Community Church (Fancher Creek Elementary)

South Point Church (Tulare and Minnewawa)

The Southgate Church (John Walsh Elementary)

The Butler Church (Butler and Winery)

Old Business

Annual Meeting 1/16/11

One Vacant seat, term is up at the end of this year. No nominations were taken from the floor. There is not a need to fill the seat per the bylaws but the vestry may. The vestry decided that it will be on the slate at the next annual meeting, but for now it will remain vacant for the remainder of the year.

Retreat at ECCO (1/28/11-1/30/11)

The day of the deadline for registrations, there were only nine parishioners attending, ultimately 25 ended up going. It was a positive event, and Frank Ficklin will continue to be the coordinator for the retreat. St. Anthony's in Three Rivers will be the next location for this event which will take place in the spring of 2012. The hills at ECCO were a challenge for some, so Three Rivers is a better alternative and conducive to everyone. There is also no limit on how few participants we have.

Picture Directory: Tom asked if we want to have a picture directory. He mentioned waiting for an opportunity for more growth. Tom mentioned waiting until at least the summer.

New Business

Internet and Phone Services

Father Michael mentioned that he has been looking into other alternatives for our phone and internet service. Comcast is now available because of the new commercial complex to our west. He asked Comcast to come out and do a survey to find out what is available. Our current internet service is through one company, our business phone service is through another, and long distance is through att. For the phone service, a flat fee is in place, in addition to paying per minute per call. The second line will be eliminated, and switched over to Comcast which includes antivirus and high speed internet, between \$400 and \$500 will be saved per year. It is a three year commitment. There is a \$75 installation fee is for the internet and telephone.

Liquor Store next door:

Discussed a few months ago. Father Michael had mentioned that he was approached by the owner of the 7-11 regarding a store going in near the Little Caesars by the church, and how that liquor store, according to the 7-11 owner, would also be selling pornography, bong, and other drug paraphernalia. There was an opportunity to file an objection. Father Michael filled out the objection form. Father Michael spoke to the owner of the shopping center, the owners of the proposed store, and the realtor. It's not a liquor store at all, it will be a convenient store. They will sell some beer and liquor but that is expected to total less than 10% of their sales. Father Michael shared his concerns for foot traffic, trash, vandalism, etc to the church campus. In the fourteen years the proposed tenants have been in business in Fresno, they have never had any violations. It will be the only stand-alone store specifically geared to Gb3 clientele. They will be selling health food drinks as well as food. Liquor will be less than 10% of their sales. They will not be open past 11pm each night, and they will pay their own landscaper to check our property for trash once a week, and additional security lighting will be installed to light up our playground, and back of the office. They will also pay to cover any repairs should vandalism occur not covered by insurance. They will not sell pornography, and the only smoking items that will be sold are cigars and cigarettes. Details of these proposals are being negotiated.

Announcements/Reminders

Alpha Marriage Course begins 2/23/11

Four couples will be participating in this.

Ash Wednesday is March 9th, two services will be offered. Mass at 9:30am, and Mass at 6:30 pm.

A morning and an evening service will be held.

Stations of the Cross will be offered on Friday's during Lent at 6:30 pm beginning 3/11/11. The one exception would be the continuing of the healing service on the third Sundays.

Next Vestry Meeting

March 10, 2011 @ 6:30pm.

Father Michael also brought up that there is a rumor going around that Maryann is being laid off. As it is only a rumor Fr. Michael felt it important that the vestry be aware of it should anyone ask about it.

Closing Prayer and Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm