

Anglican Church of Livonia
Vestry Meeting
June 18, 2008

Present: Pastor Allen, Senior Warden Chris Darnell, Junior Warden Malcolm Clark, Jan Covert, Patty Gorton, Hazel Lilley, Barbara Lowe, Barbara Martin, Gary Palmer, Joan Peterson and Marcia Fish.

The meeting opened with prayer at 7:05 PM in the church office.

The minutes of the May 21 meeting were approved as presented.

Pastor Allen asked each member of the Vestry to share what is on their hearts in the area they represent:

Barbara Lowe and Barbara Martin – New Members: How best to identify and recruit shepherds to work with newcomers.

Joan Peterson – Worship and Prayer: How to enlarge the prayer group that meets at Dorothy Powers's home.

Hazel Lilley – Fellowship: Encouraging more people to come to the First Thursday Fellowships.

Chris Darnell – Senior Warden: He is concerned because he has lost the steam to do the church work he wants to do.

Malcolm Clark – Junior Warden: He is also concerned about finding time to do the work he wants to do and about repairing the chair trolley at the Y.

Jan Covert – Small Groups: Not much new is going on until Fall. She is looking for wisdom and ideas.

Patty Gorton – Evangelism: Would like prayer for direction. Also feels a decision about whether or not we are going to have a building with space for meetings needs to be made soon.

Pastor Allen: He is excited about two opportunities coming up – Mission Sunday on June 29 and a meeting in Grand Rapids on June 19 with some folks who are interested in AMiA.

After this discussion there was prayer in groups of two for these concerns.

Pastor Allen passed out some information on learning to think of Jesus more often and asked them to study and use the material for homework.

Committee Reports:

Patty: She has been invited to a meeting in Redford which will provide opportunities for sharing with other denominations.

Barbara L. and Barbara M showed a sample gift bag which Barbara M had made which can be given to visitors.

Chris shared an analysis of web site visits in May. Almost 4,000 different people visited the site. The most visited portion was Lisa Kannapell's Bible Study blog which currently is inactive. He would like to see another on-line Bible study started. He asked everyone to help him keep the web site current and said he has added a place for people to register.

Hazel said we will have a Fellowship Potluck in August when Pastor Allen will be on vacation and wondered what the program should be. The use of one of the AMiA Conference cd's was suggested.

Pastor Allen said he hoped that on Fellowship Sunday, people will donate to whichever church they attend: the 7:45 AM ACL service at Trinity; Christ Church Ann Arbor in Ann Arbor; and Pilgrim Church in Detroit. The motion to encourage this was approved.

Finance Committee Report

The status of our Certificates of Deposit was reviewed.

The Building Committee needs to know how much is available for rental space; a Finance Committee meeting will be held on July 1 or 2 to work on determining this.

Russ McDonald was not able to be at the meeting but had two questions: 1. Should we continue to have purchase orders? The decision will be made after further discussion by the Committee. 2. Should the number of weeks in the year [which is a number used to determine the average giving per week] be reduced by one because there will not be a 10 AM service on the 29th? The decision was that the number of weeks will not be reduced.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

New Business: Patty Gorton moved that a way be found to do a background check on anyone who works with our youth. She said that Micah Monroe or Claudette Davis could provide information on a company that does this for \$25. The motion to have a background check done on all those who teach Sunday School, work in the Nursery or coordinate youth activities with the cost paid out of the funds for each activity was approved.

What should be done about a Building Fund Campaign? Until we know what we need and have leadership ready to give it more enthusiasm, a campaign would not be effective.

Two possible names for the parish that came to members of the Vestry during prayer are Paul the Apostle and Living Waters. Pastor Allen encouraged everyone to continue to pray for wisdom about the status of the Building Fund and the name for the parish. He also requested prayer that we stay focused on our mission so that we will be ready to move when God says it is time.

The next meeting will be on July 16 at 7 PM at the office.

The meeting closed with prayer at 9:40 PM.

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