

Church of the Incarnation Vestry Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2009

Present:

Glen Kennedy, Ron Rausch, Chris Landin, Linelle Lane, Marion Zipperle, Liza Brickey, Peggy Zimmerman, Mary Lynne Smith, Patrick Lancaster, Mark Landon, Gene Mendez

Absent:

Fr. Matthew Lawrence, Doug LeBrecht, Magnus Asbo,

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Patrick Lancaster

Minutes Approval:

Patrick motioned to accept minutes as written. Gene seconded and was approved

Financial Report Review:

Patrick passed out the financial report – no one from the finance committee was present to interpret the report as is usually the case.

Gene Mendez moved to accept report as presented pending detailed explanation by finance committee. Mary Lynne Smith seconded. Discussion ensued to confirm who/when will report the interpretation. Agreed to ask John Nykamp to report briefly at next meeting. Approved by all.

March Meeting:

Gene Mendez asked Vestry to consider another off-night meeting in March due to Lenten Series meetings on Tuesdays.

Discussion on reason/purpose behind a March meeting. Consensus reached on needed abbreviated meeting in late March to review strategic planning process only while Fr. Matt is out on sabbatical.

Corner Lot:

Patrick Lancaster – presented the point that to conclude the corner lot purchase there must be a resolution by the Vestry authorizing the transaction. Patrick motioned that he draw up such a resolution for posting on the Vestry bulletin board that authorizes the purchase. This will allow Patrick and John Nykamp to sign the final transaction of the purchase. This motion was seconded by Peggy Zimmerman – approved by all.

ByLaws

It was planned for the Vestry to do 2nd reading of the amendments to the by-laws, but the material was not prepped for the meeting, so this will be handled as part of the normal April Vestry meeting.

Meeting Time

Patrick Lancaster made the suggestion to change meeting start time earlier in the evening, but still keeping the time to 2hrs. Consensus of the group reached. Patrick will discuss with Fr. Matt about a 6:30 start time to confirm OK.

Strategic Planning

Ron Rausch brought his summarization/ideas on the Priorities process started at the Vestry Retreat. His document was circulated among the Vestry for discussion.

Mary Lynne Smith suggested the Vestry review past planning documents/prioritizations efforts and reference them to ensure this past work is not lost or neglected during the Vestry's discernment. Patrick Lancaster will discuss w/ Fr. Matt to see if the material can be located.

Chris Landin made suggestion we put into our process a continuous review/oversight loop to help along execution of the decided-upon priority activities/projects.

Gene & Ron provided clarification of what the Strategic Planning Committee did in their meeting last week to try to mold the Retreat input into a workable format. They explained to the Vestry, and agreement was reached, that the full raw input from the Retreat will be provided to all by Ron putting into a Word Document.

Gene asked for others to join in the process. Ron suggested we go back to his original suggestion of process/approach - that Vestry members read the document and provide inputs, e.g. top 5 things in short term, long term, etc. The goal is to give each member of the Vestry the ability to have their input considered, but still pull together a result/recommendation through the work of the Strategic Planning Committee. Vestry members would provide their inputs w/n 2 weeks.

Mary Lynne suggested the Vestry take the Strategic Planning Committee's work and the 5 Questions Work (Fr. Matt's Lenten Series) and hold discussions with the small groups while Fr. Matt is on sabbatical to get feedback. This, so when he returns the Vestry is prepared to have robust discussion. She cautioned we not rush the process at the expense of the result not being completed in the future.

Patrick pointed out that Fr. Matt has 5 specific questions, and the Vestry needs to address them with the congregation while he is out. Ron stated his understanding is the expectation is that by the time Fr. Matt returns the Vestry is much along the way, but not necessarily finished.

Linelle Lane requested clarification on what this "process" going to look like. Ron commented that the single purpose of March meeting will be to work out the "process" with Fr. Matt.

Principles of a Healthy Community

Liza Brickey requested a copy of Principle of Healthy Community. It was noted that Fr. Matt has the material. Ron volunteered to obtain the document and post on the BB.

Vestry BB

Computer Server issue was reviewed. The topic will be placed on the April meeting agenda for further consideration

Gene moved to adjourn, Patrick seconded – all approved @ 8:16pm.