

Christ Church Durham Parish Vestry Meeting --3:00 PM May 27, hybrid from Parish Hall

In attendance: Rev. Catharine Gibson, Deacon Susan Fritz, Senior Warden Sue Kaspar, Junior Warden Rick Viohl, June Leyland, Pat Blackburn, Rick Posey; Mary Mosher, Carl Lockamy

- 1) Call to Order and Opening Prayer: Senior Warden
- 2) Bible Study: Acts 2:1-12
- 3) Formation: pp 185 - 189 in *Vestry Reflections* (section on Pentecost); someone who hasn't chosen yet chooses a section for the group for next time. Rick Viohl, "What makes space sacred" p. 39-44.
- 4) Adoption of minutes from previous meeting - adopted
- 5) Updates / 'Consent Agenda' (not discussed unless there are questions):
 - a) Initial meeting of Treasure Transition Team (Carl, Laura, Jinjer, Sue K., Rev. Catharine) took place May 20. Will meet again June 14 & July 12.
 - b) Parish incorporation: Deacon Susan, with assistance of EDOW staff, has completed our SDAT renewal, putting us in good standing with the state.
 - c) We are scheduled to host Clericus (gathering of regional clergy) on Tuesday, November 17 11AM to 1PM. Involves providing lunch for 10-15.
- 6) Discussion / Action Items:
 - a) Trunk or Treat: Stephanie has raised this again. There is some congregational energy for a replacement for the Festival. How shall we plan? Can we assign a co-chair? Solicit more participation? Should we poll congregation on activities they would support (i.e., organize/work on)? We agreed Saturday October 24 seemed like a good day.

Need a co-chair & a back-up, need a committed team. Pat is willing to be equal co-chair, Sue K. can be backup if she is not out of town. Next step is to hold a meeting, if there is a critical mass then it's a go.
 - b) Congregational desire for resumed movie nights / matinees. Thoughts? Can we find movies legal to advertise, or just invite friends? Is existing technology good enough? How elaborate would hospitality need to be? Can we find folks to do the work?

Start with congregation and invite friends, have meal & fellowship. Start with current equipment. Sue K. is in contact with someone about licensing issues.
 - c) Postal mail: Carl needs to be relieved of daily mailbox checks. Would it help to rent a box?

Sue K: We can get a post office box, it could be at Welcome (does not have to be at Nanjemoy post office), cost is about \$100 per year.

Vestry approved motion to pursue box at Welcome post office, unless cost is far above \$125 per year.
 - d) Fall meeting calendar: Nominations Committee (will be needed: Sue K. and Rick V.

are at end of term; Rick V. is at end of second consecutive term and needs to come off), pledge and budgeting campaigns and their associated meetings. Annual Parish Meeting should be 1 November, All Saints' Day, but will need to be postponed (for funeral of Rev. C's father).

Sue K. is willing to stay as Sr. Warden, Rick V. needs to come off.

Nov. 8 set for annual meeting.

Oct. 11 is deadline for publishing meeting agenda & nominations.

Sep. 23, Vestry needs to approve nominees, so nominating committee needs to have candidates ready by then.

Finance calendar:

October meeting: approve budget

Oct 21, move vestry meeting to this date

Sep. 20- Oct. 18, finance committee works out budget, schedule joint vestry/finance meeting in this window

Sep. 6-20, Pledge drive

Thanksgiving & Christmas vestry meeting dates need adjustment:

Move Nov. meeting to Nov. 18

Dec meeting, settle date later (work around Xmas week, Blue Xmas service, Sue K. travel).

Carl will be away for a week in July and for fall Camino.

7) Officers' and Committee Reports

a) Treasurer & Finance Committee:

i) Treasurer

Open plate offerings & pledges are on schedule, at or better than budgeted amounts so far.

Rectory rent coming in regularly.

Electric bill for April paid on May 1, so there will be no payment made in the month of April and two payments in the month of May.

Sent half of the year's diocesan giving amount with a letter, will send the other half later in the year.

Investments, MMT had substantial loss in March but recovered in April. Carl will get process started to move Ameriprize funds to MMT. Ameriprize CD matures in December, but is only earning \$15/month, so no big thing to close the CD early.

Audit scheduled for next Wednesday morning.

ii) Finance Committee

Vestry approved \$1200 to Constellation fund, can pull \$100/month for the end of this year. Need to put this in next year's budget.

Vestry OK'd \$1200 for annual re-certification of chair lift, total cost was \$1145.

Every 5 years will cost a few hundred more. During budget process, need to decide if we want to continue with the chairlift.

b) Wardens

Sue K, traveling for 2 weeks starting June 20.

c) Clergy

i) Rector:

- 1 Attended two sleep-away EDOW meetings in May: Deans and Clergy.
- 2 upcoming time off: Sunday, June 14 (Deacon Susan to cover); July 1-6 (MP on Sunday July 5, Gary Leyland officiating); Oct 26 – Nov 1 (approx. dates) family leave for father's funeral (coverage not determined).
- 3 Considering scheduled weekly presence for prayer and office hours. Maybe Thursdays.

- ii) Deacon: At clergy conference, gave baby stuff to San Mateo (which has about 2 births per month). Still giving baby blankets to refugees. Found a contact for a retired organist who might give a recital.

8) Other business

Deacon Sue doing Warfighter evolution in September.

9) Closing prayer