

Vestry Minutes: June 15, 2011
approved 8/17/11

Members present: Charlie Russell, Sara Milford, Jeremy Pate, Dale Green, Shea Widener, Christy Smith, Alan Wilbourn

Member absent: Ellen Hayward, Martha McNair, Greg Puckett, Terri Chadick, Christine Klinger

Staff present: Fr. Grisham, Suzi Freeman

Guest: Janet Graige

- I. Fr. Grisham opened the meeting with a prayer.

In the absence of a clerk, Sara Milford agreed to take minutes.

- I. Old Business

- A. Charlie presented his draft Alcohol Policy proposal. With #8 moved to second position and adding "Donations may be accepted," the revised Alcohol Policy was approved. Revised Alcohol Policy attached.
- B. Regarding the Bernice Dunaway home, Lowell visited with the library, whose Board meets later this week.
Vestry suggestion: Lowell will contact the library's Board of Directors, expressing the sentiment that we would like the house to be on the market, but it seems lie it's heading to court. There's no sense of settlement from the other side.
- C. Shea proposed for and with Christine to send a plant to Janet in honor of her service. All approved. Suzi will make sure it happens.
- D. Dale spoke with the other people involved with Angel Food. With their approval, the remaining balance of \$7,002.92 goes toward Community Meals.
- E. Sara shared that the St. Paul's on-line directory is in the final stages. All Saint's Sunday might be a good time to encourage everyone to renew/update their membership/bio information.

- III. New Business

- A. Apostle's Build requested support from St. Paul's. Last year's gift was \$5000. The money comes from the Shively endowment for outreach. There are no other requests at this time of similar nature. Shea moved to extend \$5000 to the Apostle's Build. All approved.
- B. Trips to Joplin have been successful. There were about 20 people on Memorial Day who worked in the woods and parking lot. Two – Dale and Linda Jones – went on the 14th and worked on debris removal in people's yards. AmeriCorps is organizing the effort and doing a great job. Tuesday trips to Joplin will continue as long as there are volunteers to go.
- C. Kitchen clean-up accomplished a lot from 2:00-5:30 on Sunday, thanks to a hard-working team: Max and Claire Sutton, Gary Weidner, Christy Smith & Ellison & Ella Kate Lewis, Ellen Hayward, and Dale Green. There are plans to cover the backsplash with a different material that's easier to clean.

IV. The Rector's Report

- A. Thanks to the vestry for approving Lowell's hasty purchase for the \$10,000 handbells from Trinity Cathedral. If the Cathedral needs the handbells back, they will purchase them for cost plus interest.
- B. The Caring Friends Respite Ministry has 28 volunteers for training as companions/kitchen crew on June 16. Regarding storage for the chairs, we will try to store the chairs within the church. Plans are in the works to build storage at the end of the hall by the kitchen. The freezer in the kitchen needs to be removed, and the pastoral freezer currently at the end of the hall will be moved into the kitchen. Cabinets will be built to store goods/equipment for the respite ministry and St. Spatula's. Aubrey Pate is working on the design.
- C. Library and Nursery update is going well. Aubrey has a great plan and design in store.
- D. Hospitality after 11:00 service is a nice addition, providing time for folks to hang out.
- E. Lowell to Oxford, MS, for the weekend.
- F. The first meeting of General Convention deputies shows new and young representatives, with Lowell and Beth Matthews as the only veterans.
- G. The *Episcopal Cafe* blog will be picking up Lowell's Morning Reflections for "Food for the Soul."

V. The Senior Warden's Report: Charlie invited Loyd Swope, who is now serving on Diocesan Executive Committee, to come to our vestry meetings to share what is going on at the state level, and Loyd agreed. He'll be happy to report to the vestry.

VI. The Junior Warden's report was previously discussed with the kitchen clean-up and Joplin efforts.

VII. The Administrator's report

- A. Air-conditioning issues continue in the main Parish Hall because the units are not big enough. The compressor is out, so we will be increasing the unit instead of replacing the compressor for \$50,000.
- B. In the basement, the boards on the heaters were replaced.
- C. Leaks from the roof need to be double-checked.
- D. The Dialogue and Report were sent via e-mail.
 - 1. Freight on candles is expensive.
 - 2. "Actual is" – Suzi has already done the math for the expense and income for Wednesday dinner and Sunday breakfast.
 - 3. Pledges are "setting new trends." Charlie wonders why, and Suzi attributes it to a combination of things, not a one-time gift.
 - 4. \$1,100/mo pledged for Tibetan refugee kitchen.
 - 5. Christy motioned to approve the financials. Approved.

VIII. Other Business

- A. The Parish Picnic was a success. The staff will take all suggestions and incorporate them into a checklist. There was a question if we would like to serve ribs. Instructions on how to maneuver/operate the walls in the Parish Hall are needed.
- B. The A/C in the nursery is a Gaia Guild concern. Mac Mayfield has looked at it and written a report, and it appears to be a return-air issues. Insulation is also being looked at. Lowell will connect.

C. There has been expressed a desire for an EYC mission trip and fundraisers for such endeavors. There may possibly be a Spring Break ski trip.

IX. Consent Calendar

A. April Minutes moved to be approved by Alan. All in favor.

B. May Minutes were not discussed; will be looked at next meeting.

C. After suggested vacation and discussion, Sara motioned that the July meeting be cancelled unless a compelling need for a meeting arises. All in favor.

D. The next vestry meeting will be August 17th at 7pm.

Fr. Grisham closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Milford

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Alcohol Policy
Adopted August 10, 2004
Revised November 21, 2005; Revised June 15, 2011

The Episcopal Church has never endorsed the prohibition of the moderate, adult enjoyment of beverages containing alcohol. Scripture offers Jesus' example of the presence of wine at a wedding part in his first miracle at Cana of Galilee and at the Last Supper when he instituted the Holy Eucharist. Hebrew tradition honors wine as a gift from God when used moderately in accordance with the purposes of the Creator.

The following guidelines will direct the enjoyment of alcoholic beverages at Church functions within the life of St. Paul's Parish:

1. The serving of alcohol must be approved in advance by the Rector or the Vestry. The Rector may approve the use of alcohol at parish functions (or may refer such approval to the Vestry); the Vestry must approve the use of alcohol at all functions that are not directly church-related.
2. Except for Church functions in private homes, only champagne, beer, or wine may be served.
3. All applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations are to be obeyed, including those governing the serving of alcohol to minors. Alcoholic beverages cannot be sold (no "cash bars" will be approved). Donations may be accepted.
4. The use of alcohol will not be approved for events primarily designed for children or youth.
5. Alcoholic beverages and food containing alcohol must be clearly labeled as such and supervised by a mature person who has the sole responsibility of serving the alcohol. This shall include supervision of anyone working at the event (kitchen staff, etc.). Unsupervised access to alcohol (*i.e.*, champagne fountains, open bottles in the kitchen or other work areas) is not allowed.
6. Whenever alcohol is served, non-alcoholic alternatives must always be offered with equal attractiveness and accessibility. Food appropriate for the event should always be available.
7. The serving of alcoholic beverages should not be publicized as an attraction of the event (*i.e.*, "Shrimp & Beer," "Wine & Cheese").
8. Only moderate consumption of alcohol is allowed. The sponsors or organizers of the event assume responsibility for monitoring consumption and for the safe travel of anyone who might become intoxicated.
9. All alcoholic beverages will be removed from the Church immediately following the event, or stored securely in the Parish Administrator's office.