

**Vestry Minutes: May 25, 2011**  
(Approved June 15th)

Members present: Sara Milford, Charlie Russell, Dale Green,  
Greg Puckett, Shea Widener, Christy Smith, Christine Klinger  
Member absent: Ellen Hayward, Alan Wilbourn, Jeremy Pate, Martha McNair,  
Terri Chadick  
Staff present: Fr. Grisham, Suzi Freeman

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

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

- II. Old Business
  - A. Review of the Alcohol Policy was called for. We need to monitor what we call activities. The vestry approves all non-St. Paul's groups who make alcohol requests. We appear to be in line with all the policies. Number 13 could be revised to include "or stored securely in the administrator's office."
    - Charlie will review, consolidate and make clearer the policy and send a copy prior to the next vestry meeting.
  - B. Ministry surveys reiterated the need for a kitchen clean-up. Dale suggests a Sunday afternoon.
    - Between Dale, Suzi, and Laura Wilkins, a date will be set soon.
  - C. Shea offered the Library and Nursery update. Aubrey Pate is coming up with a plan for the nursery now.
    - Shea will e-mail time options for the week after next (week of June 6-10) to see the plans.
  - D. Dale called Linda Eilers about the wall-mounted sign she and Walt are interested in donating as a gift to the church. Dale will send a reminder for Linda to e-mail him a picture of the sign.
  - E. Ministry surveys reiterated the need for a kitchen clean-up. Dale suggests a Sunday afternoon.
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  - F. Parish Picnic - June 5th. Vestry will help facilitate the cooking and cleaning. "Condiments" needs to be revised from the Parish Picnic "what-to-bring" list on communications. Phillip will be asked to start a little later so that the food will not be cold; Dale will work with him. Trays will be ready to put in the oven.
  - G. The Organ Fund went over the top. The new console is on order.
  - H. The new respite ministry Caring Friends will begin June 30th. The chairs were donated. Storage is still questionable, but shed assessment is underway.

- I. Hospitality Guild - after Evensong success, the hospitality hour will continue but now take place after the 11:00 service, beginning the second or third Sunday in June. This Hospitality Guild will be under the umbrella of St. Spatula's Guild.

### III. New Business

No new business was presented.

### IV. The Rector's Report

- A. Pleased to report that a Discernment Committee has been established for Sara Milford. Terri Chaddick will be the vestry representative on that committee.
- B. Marvelous response to and from the group that went to Joplin, MO, in the aftermath of the tornado destruction. This effort was led by Joshua Daniels, Chaplain of St. Martin's.
- C. A joint service with the Good Shepherd Church on the Feast of the Ascension, Thursday, June 2nd at 7:00 pm. Vestry members and all are invited to attend. The plate offering will go toward the Lutheran church in Joplin that was destroyed.
- D. Hopes that vestry will continue to help hear anxieties, hurts, and angers amongst parishioners. Lowell addressed those who were offended or angered by the inclusion of Osama Bin Laden in the prayers for those who have died. Lowell reached out to those for whom it was particularly upsetting and offered a public explanation via the e-news.
- E. Bob Gallagher is doing remarkably well and being a prolific writer.
- F. Corky Carlisle is scheduled to come for stewardship Sunday, October 30th, Lord willing.

### V. The Senior Warden's Report

- A. The vestry was informed about the standing of a house bequeathed to St. Paul's Episcopal Church and to the Fayetteville Public Library by Ms. Bernice Dunaway. After questionable dealings by the trustee, lawyer Jack Butt proposed several options for St. Paul's and the FPL to take. Charlie will contact the FPL to find out what their preference is, voicing to them our inclination to do the right thing and to let a judge decide.
- B. With the vestry's approval (which was granted), Charlie will invite 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. A line in the

agenda can be added.

- VI. The Junior Warden's report reflected on the recent storms, and a discussion about an emergency location in the building revealed that the area near the elevator and choir rooms is the safest place to be. The basement is neither large, safe, or accessible enough to be considered.
- VII. The Administrator's report
  - A. Replacing sup-pump and boards on heating units in the basement because of 18" of flooding.
  - B. Due to issues with theft, a safe was purchased and installed.
  - C. Suzi presented the Parochial Report to be reviewed. Christine offers the motion to approve, and with all in favor, it passes. It will be signed by the clerk for Suzi to submit.
  - D. The Dialogue and Report were sent via e-mail. Charlie approves the data. All in favor.
  - E. Dale asks about the Angel Food ministry line item. They still have a balance.
    - Dale will talk with the group about how they would like to disperse the money. Beaver Electric will be offered the forklift since they do so much for the church and contributed most of the money to purchase it.
- VIII. Other Business : Christine announced that the woman from St. Catherine's (Bell Tower), gave thanks for the work that St. Paul's does in the community..
- IX. Consent Calendar
  - A. The April's meeting minutes were distributed via e-mail but not yet posted to the web page. Sara will post them, and they will be approved at the next meeting.
  - B. The vestry was reminded that the next meeting will occur on Wednesday, June 15, at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Grisham closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sara Milford

