

St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes for June 30, 2009

A quorum was present: The Rev. Robert T. Jennings, The Rev. Deborah Apoldo, Senior Warden Terry Strange, Treasurer Tom Kelley, Chris Zimmerman, Shelley Laventis, Elizabeth Gillette, David Welsh, Bob Bortner, Bill Receveur and Tom Brown, Clerk. Staff in attendance were Sandy Wood, Melodie Fridley, Jim Rightmyer, Raleigh Langley and Cindy Thompson.

- I. Robin opened the meeting with prayer.
- II. The objective of this meeting was for Staff and Vestry to work together.
 - a. How can we apply the "Simple Church" concept to St. Francis?
 - b. How do we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit and allow ourselves to be lead by the Spirit?
- III. Chris Zimmerman presented the 4 Steps to the Simple Church.
 - a. Disciples at our church must adopt clarity and understand that we are called by God to follow Christ and are transferred by the Holy Spirit to bear fruit.
 - b. Key programs must move people along this simple process.
 - c. Programs need to be aligned around their specific area of ministry. (outreach, youth, pastoral care, etc.)
 - d. Focus must be applied to programs as areas that need to be eliminated are identified.
- IV. Robin had Staff and Vestry break into groups to discuss the Simple Church concept as it applies to the various programs the groups were previously assigned to.
 - a. Can we avoid complexity and clutter that confuses our congregation?
 - b. Can we be clear and simple and let our membership understand our strategy?
 - c. Are we responding to our calling and offering our best to God?
 - d. Have we done a good job in spiritual formation?
 - e. It is not over!
- V. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Tom Kelley reported that expenses are creeping up and that he intends to be stricter in managing our future cash flow.
 - b. A financial report will appear in the next Canticle.
- VI. Minutes from the May 26 meeting were approved.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Next Vestry Meeting is Tuesday, August 25, 2009

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Tom Brown, Clerk

The Rev. Robert T. Jennings
Rector

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