

St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes for March 23, 2010

A quorum was present: The Rev. Robert T. Jennings, Senior Warden Sloane Graff, Junior Warden Chris Zimmerman, Treasurer Tom Kelley, Clerk Mike Simpson, Jim Marquardt, Bob Quaife, Ralinda Gregor, Phylis Semple, Bob Bortner, Mitzi Root, Jason Kron, David Welsh, Ray Pierce, Bob Quaife, and Youth Minister The Rev. Raleigh Langley,

- I. Robin called the meeting to order and led the Vestry in an opening prayer.
- II. Raleigh Langley
 - a. Discussion about the recent visit by Chap Clark – ParenTeen seminar last Friday, March 19, 2010
 - b. Review of “*Good Sex 2.0: A Whole Person Approach to Teenage Sexuality and God*” for the 9th-12th grades. Covering topics such as desires, sex messaging, boundaries, intimacy, lust, etc. Influences are in the songs, internet and elsewhere. Referenced letter to parents of January 21, 2010. The need to include parents is critical. David Welsh asked if there would be a “post-mortem”. Sloane Graff voiced “Congratulations” on behalf of the Vestry.
 - c. Reminders about Mission dates for the DR (June 5th-12th) and David, KY (June 20th-25th), Pancake Supper is April 25th Mission Driven Car Show (May 29th)
- III. Senior Warden- Sloane Graff
 - a. Sloane distributed a handout on Chapter 1 of “*The Good and Beautiful God*” by J. Smith titled “What Are You Seeking”. A vestry sign-up sheet for each chapter was passed around.
- IV. Rector’s Report- Robin Jennings
 - a. Robin shared some fascinating observations of the trip to Israel. It was a “spiritual formation”. The reality of the impact on our spiritual was huge! Robin would like to see this as an annual offering to the congregation. Bob Quaife added: “It was like a blending of tourists and spiritual beings (pilgrims)” There were over 2500 photos taken. A presentation to the congregation will be held soon. Ralinda Gregor asked if he uses Flickr or Picasa for distribution.
 - b. The Holy Week schedule was distributed.
 - c. Seder dinner tickets are still available – 80 tickets sold to date - per David Welsh.
 - d. Confirmation Class is scheduled for April 14th -May 19th
 - e. Robin will be contributing once again to “*Journey through the Word*” in a series on Galatians.
- V. Senior Warden’s Report – Sloane Graff
 - a. Diocesan Convention- Sloane’s personal impressions of the convention was that it was more of a “political convention” riddled with radical leftist agendas. St. Francis in the Fields is a “bright light” in a darkened room”. Ralinda Gregor comments: Too much pagan information. David Welsh had some positive remarks. Bob Bortner asked about the abortion issue. The Campbellsville rector was also a bright light. He asked “Where is Jesus in all of this?” Robin’s comments: The resolutions are simply “moral persuasion”. Mitzi Root asked about who determines resolutions. St. Francis is an “island” in the Episcopal community.
 - b. Memorial Scholarship - \$800,000 in funds. 4% total return would be \$32,000. It would cost approximately \$7,500 to change the process. A motion was made by Sloane Graff to approve “up to \$10,000 in legal fees for the Memorial Scholarship to change to the total return procedure. Passed.

- c. Music Academy - \$700/month paid in rent. Some issues need to be discussed. Robin – lack of supervision. Leases and budgets are not done. Operated by Nancy Albrink.
- d. Children's Care Policy – Cindy Thompson is drafting a new policy for this issue. Bob Quaife – There are legal responsibilities. David Welsh is to contact Anne Juckett for legal guidance.
- e. Management Letter – Tom Kelley to cover

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Children's Education – Ralinda Gregor – VBS is scheduled for June 14th -18th, 2010. Pre-school will not be in session at this time. Sunday school teachers are needed for next year. The Junior Youth cleaned out the Bishop's Study. "Parents' Day Out" – new name. Encourage Cindy!
- b. Pancake Supper – Raleigh already handled.
- c. Properties, Rectory – Bill Receveur. – absent – Several improvements to the Rectory are needed. Bob Quaife moved that the Properties Committee take on the improvements project for the Rectory. He and David Welsh will coordinate. Passed.
- d. Education and Discipleship – David Welsh – "Discovering & Answering God's Call in Your Life" as the Sunday morning offerings April 11th – May 9th, 2010.

VII. Approval of Minutes – Mike Simpson – Approved as documented.

VIII. Treasurer's Report – Tom Kelley

- a. Budget – Summary distributed – Note high utilities expense. No concern. Distribution of Internal Audit from Tracie Utter showing a good report. Carol may send results to the congregation. Discussion of cash vs. accrual methods.

IX. The Rule – Ralinda Gregor – Philippians 2:5-11- Church Unity. In the midst of Jesus' turmoil, He emphasizes the need for unity. *"Every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father"*

X. New Business

- a. Bob Quaife – Reiterated the need for transportation for the informed. Tabled.
- b. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will join the Boy Scouts in a day of service clearing brush around St. Francis this Saturday, March 28th

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Mike Simpson, Clerk

The Rev. Robert T. Jennings
Rector

Approved signatures on original document.