

St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church

Vestry Minutes for May 26, 2009

A quorum was present: The Rev. Robert T. Jennings, Senior Warden Terry Strange, Junior Warden Sloane Graff, Treasurer Tom Kelley, The Rev. Deborah Apoldo, David Welsh, Bob Bortner, Anne McMillin, Bob Quaife, Shelley Laventis, Phylis Semple, Fiona Starks, Bill Receveur and Tom Brown, Clerk.

- I. Robin opened the meeting with prayer.
- II. Rachel Nelson was introduced as Carma Nelson's replacement in our Children's Ministry. A reception will be held for Carma on June 28.
 - a. Anne reported that 163 children will participate in VBS. We need a driver to ferry the Cabbage Patch kids out to St. Francis for the summer program and Debbie volunteered to fill this role.
 - b. Nine children will be celebrating their first communion this Sunday.
- III. Bill Receveur gave a properties report and discussed the annual car show.
 - a. The repairs on the Bishop's Study are complete except for the locks.
 - b. Window replacement is finished and the floor in the handicap entrance room is scheduled to be repaired.
 - c. Other minor repairs are either complete or scheduled for attention.
 - d. The Car Show earned \$9,100+ for our Mission programs.
- IV. Simple Church
 - a. Tom Brown discussed chapters 7 and 8 of the Simple Church and the role clergy, staff and lay leaders play in creating and maintaining a focused simple church.
- V. Rector's Report
 - a. Our summer schedule has begun, with services held at 8 and 10 a.m. and noon.
 - b. June 7 marks the beginning of our all volunteer choir.
 - c. VBS, set to begin June 15, has record numbers of children enrolled.
 - d. Robin urged everyone to attend Carma's recognition reception on June 28.
 - e. The Bats game is scheduled for July 2 with Debbie on the mound for the initial toss.
 - f. Robin will attend "The Jesus Way", a discipleship conference in San Antonio, June 21-24.
- VI. Senior Warden's Report
 - a. The mission to Texas and Mexico has been cancelled for now but will be reviewed in the fall as to the safety of the trip.
 - b. The Kilgore Samaritan Counseling Center has closed on the purchase of their own building. Having lost their lease, the center embarked on a fundraising mission supported by St. Francis members serving on the Kilgore's board. The effort was highlighted by a highly successful garden tour.
 - c. Cable Baptist held a recognition gala on May 22 complete with a powerful musical presentation.
 - d. Approximately 30 people attended the listening session concerning the search for a new Bishop.

- VII. Committee Reports
 - a. Debbie reported that the search for a new Bishop is ongoing with efforts to identify candidates and profile the opportunities coming into place.
 - b. Efforts are underway in our adult education to put together programs for Wednesday Nights and Sunday Mornings.
 - c. Cheryl will inherit the title and responsibilities of small group coordinator as we attempt to train and maintain the various programs in place at St. Francis.

- VIII. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes from the April 28, 2009 Vestry Meeting were approved.

- IX. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Tom Kelley outlined cash flow issues.
 - b. In an effort to maintain financial transparency, Tom requested our financial summary be printed monthly. The issue was approved.

- X. The Rule
 - Shelley read Romans 8:22-27. The Spirit is always with us and God "specializes in loving the undeserving."

- XI. New Business
 - a. Next Vestry Meeting is Tuesday, June 30.
 - b. A thank you card was sent to Jim Richey for his efforts on the new front door.

- XII. Devotion for the Evening.
 - a. Debbie led the Early Evening Devotion.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Tom Brown, Clerk

The Rev. Robert T. Jennings
Rector

Approved signatures on original document.