

St. James' Vestry Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 10, 2010

In attendance: Brad Hoffman, Jan Brandt, Greg Scheuffele, Andy MacRae, Mary Casas, Dean Valentine, Scott Kennedy, Jan Scrutton, Stephen Ferro, Penny Trant, Kathy Crary+, Molly Lubwama, Charlie Paratore and Elizabeth Hart

Absent: Laura Winter

Jan Scrutton called the meeting to order and Kathy Crary+ led the opening prayer.

The minutes of the May 13, 2010 vestry meeting were approved as presented.

Cluster Reports

Lead Team

- 40 tickets have been purchased for the A's baseball game so far
- The date to help facet glass for the new stained glass window is Saturday, June 19, 2010 at 11:00 am at the Hogan Art Glass Studio.
- Have launched an appeal for prizes for the St. James' Day raffle fundraiser. To match the theme of the raffle, "favorite things," people are being asked to donate something they would like to share, such as a favorite book, hobby, film, cake, bottle of wine, plant, gift card to a favorite restaurant, museum, etc.
- No Worship Committee meetings in July and August.
- The work party is this Saturday, June 12th.

Parish Life – as submitted

Social Ministries and Congregational Care

- In pretty good shape as regards the food pantry right now, but this may change later in the season

Facilities – as submitted

Worship and Christian Formation – as submitted

Communication and Evangelism

- Going to follow up on e-mail policies.
- A possibility to consider would be to form a church list and a community list or forum. Another would be to start up a community platform of some kind – for example, a Facebook page.

Kathy Crary's+ Report

- Condolences to Greg Scheuffele and his family on the loss of his cousin Deborah
- Have visited several people in the hospital
- Baptized another child, with two more baptisms at the end of the month
- Will be doing a Requiem Mass at Grace Cathedral on September 11th.
- Working on a wedding
- Lea Lucas and Gary Gearheart will carry the St. James' banner at the Gay Pride parade.
- Concluded Faith Formation class on the book Patience with God
- On vacation from July 15th to August 5th for a trip to France. Coverage has been arranged.
- In process to be rector at Christ Church in Alameda. People from Christ Church will possibly be visiting later this month or next month for observation.
- There will be two bishops for the confirmation on Saturday, which has been moved to the main chapel at the cathedral. Lea Lucas and Gary Gearheart will be confirmed, and Bonnie Nelson will be received.
- Jan and Mike Scrutton will also be received into the Episcopal Church – they are taking a stand regarding the recent statements of the Anglican Church.

Finances

- The percentage of pledges paid has improved this month and is 93% of pledges budgeted.
- Did get the figures for the rector search from Pegeen Perry and Bruce Roberts. This needs to be discussed as we need to work out where the money will be coming from. There will be additional expenses going forward.
- We will also have additional supply clergy expenses for Kathy's+ vacation.
- Website issues – The auditor suggested that we probably should not post our financial information online. Other congregations do not post financial info.
- Motion was made to remove St. James' financial information from the website. Moved and seconded. Motion passed.
- The Special Interest DWS Scudder account is earning almost no interest. It was suggested to close the account and put the money into the Special Interest Schwab account.
- Motion was made to close the Special Interest DWS Scudder account and put the money from that account into the Special Interest Schwab account. Moved and seconded. Motion passed.

- On May 26th, 2010, the vestry voted to allow Jan Brandt to invest the Schader Trust inheritance in CDs.
- The discussion regarding the Schader trust is on hold until after the rector search is completed and the new rector has started. It will be done by a group (to be formed) who will take feedback from the congregation. The group will probably meet at the end of September to help establish a timeline.

The closing prayer was led by Greg Scheuffele.

The meeting then continued in closed session for a personnel meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hart
Clerk of the Vestry

Lead Team Report, June 2010

Baseball Ticket Sales so far – 35

Lead Team approved investment of Schader money in CD's as agreed by Vestry. Making plans to start process of consultation/investigation as to long term use and investment in the fall. An item about Shirley and her "generous gift" will go in the Window next month.

Jan S. to discuss with Facilities the calling together of a Little Church Committee. Names have come forward but we need to start this off.

Kathy away 15th July to 6th August. She has arranged her cover confirmed it with Canon Michael. Details in Kathy's report.

Stained Glass. Doors have been ordered and we are waiting for things to come together so we can arrange to go to visit the workshop to help work on the glass. No date as yet confirmed.

Time being taken up for Jan S. and Mary setting up interview dates and working out schedules with Vestry/Bishop.

Jan & Mary

Parish Life report for June 10, 2010

June Events:

Graduation

Parish Life is getting final preparations for the Graduation Celebration on June 13, 2010 between the two services. We will serve cake and refreshments. A special brochure with those who are graduating, being promoted and also recognition of participation will be given out during the services. This info will also be listed in the Window (July).

Father's Day

Father's Day is June 20, 2010 and we have special handout for all men.

July Events

St. James' Feast:

Plans for the St. James' Feast are still in the works and we have confirmed the Philippine Church will be bringing their wonderful roast pig again this year. What a treat. Jan Scrutton has handed out a half page flyer (June 6th Services) that there is a raffle "Favorite Things." This is a fundraiser that will tie into the theme for the St. James' Feast.

An email will be going out the week of June 15th, a weekly note in the Green Pages and also an article in the July Window.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Trant
Dean Valentine
Parish Life

June Congregational Care and Social Ministries Report

We continue to work with the groups and teams found under our clusters and let them know we are available to support them in their activities.

We continue to work on our yearly goals.

This month we had our once a year Walk-A-Rock-athon to support our Winter Relief program for November in conjunction with Abode services. We had 7 Walkers and 1 Rocker who all teamed up to raise approximately \$800 for this vital program. We thank the walkers and the Parishioners and others who supported our Walker/Rockers with pledges.

We are placing an article detailing the Walk-A-Rock-athon information in the St. James' Window.

We are placing an article requesting parishioner interested in being Eucharistic Visitors to let us know, (this will be the 3rd month we have placed this article).

Thank you
Andy MacRae and Brad Hoffman
CC & SM cluster

June Facilities Report

The painting in the Accounting Office has begun, and should be completed in about two weeks. We are hoping to re use the existing mini blind type window coverings, although they need some repair as well as some serious cleaning.

The new shed for equipment now has locks and is secure for much more storage than was available with just the one shed as before.

The new front doors into the Big Church have been on order for over three weeks, and may be ready soon. We are hoping the memorial stained glass project will begin to take place within the next few weeks!

June's work party has been moved up one week to Saturday the 12th.

Scott Kennedy/Facilities

Worship and Christian Formation

The Sunday morning class just finished the book study and discussion of the book Patience with God: Faith for People Who Don't Like Religion (or Atheism). *Those who missed the class but want to read the book can order it through the internet or at a local book store.*

Faith Formation is working on setting up the classes for next Fall. They are asking for suggestions from the congregation on class ideas, so if you have any thoughts, please fill out the form in the June issue of *The Window* and turn it in by June 20. Also, please pass this on to others you talk with on a regular basis.

With the Worship Committee, we have begun working on a booklet describing the regular responsibilities and duties for those involved with Sunday worship. The committee will not be holding its regular monthly meetings during the summer months of July and August; the meetings will resume in September.

Thank you!
Laura & Molly

June Communication & Evangelism Cluster Report

–Monday, June 21st at 7pm there is an open meeting in the Canterbury room to talk about *The Window*. Ralph has requested ideas, opinions and suggestions to make the newsletter better.

–Discussions going on with Janet Fischer about updating the St. James website. Janet is considering some cosmetic changes, as well as, some usability improvements

–C&E Cluster is discussing enhancing St. James use of collaboration forums. We are considering adding a presence on Facebook and looking at our use of Yahoo groups.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Ferro
Greg Scheuffele
C&E Cluster