

**ST. MARK'S VESTRY
MINUTES OF 10.15.13 MEETING**

*Working through God's love to eliminate
spiritual and physical hunger.*

CONVENED: 6:40 P.M.

PRESENT: Nancy Wheatley, Gerry Stackhouse, Larry Chase, Barb Farris, Judy Peterson, Jean Kracker, The Very Rev. Rebecca Crise and Dawn Brisbane, Vestry Clerk.

ABSENT:

OPENING MEDITATION/REFLECTION: Mother Rebecca led us in a centering prayer in readying for the meeting.

BUSINESS:

Spiritual Life:

Safeguarding God's Children: Mo. Rebecca said this will probably be held as a program in Lent - no specific date yet.

Confirmation/Reception: *pending* - Mo. Rebecca said that she needs to check on this with Bishop Wayne to find out if the "customary" will remain in force. Will have more at next meeting.

Nick Freestone: Mo. Rebecca gave a brief update on the situation. Nick will be permitted to rejoin St. Mark's congregation after January 1, 2014, following an evaluation with Mo. Rebecca. In the meantime, keep Nick in our prayers.

Kingdom Work:

Blessing of the Animals review: Mo. Rebecca said she thought it went well although the weather was kind of "iffy". There were about 14 people in attendance (church members and family/friends of members). Jean suggested that we advertise in the Flashes as it's a free publication vs. the Courier which is purchased. We should be able to reach more people that way.

Parish Life:

Buildings and Grounds: Roof is done.

Unsafe Activities on Church Grounds: Children getting on the roof and then jumping off of it with their bikes. Property owner nearby saw them and called the police (who never showed up). Asked the neighbor to keep watch and call the police again. Looking into installing cameras. We have notified the police to let them know this is going on. We will drive by the church to keep an eye out for children on the property.

Church Business and Support:

Stewardship 2013: Consecration Sunday will be on 11/24 (need 4 weeks lead time with the Stewardship program). Mo. Rebecca will check with Tom Perrin to see who he would suggest to be our keynote speaker. We'll have a luncheon afterwards.

Audit: Barb Farris said that she's sent out communications to those she needs information from and will be gathering the information and meeting with Phil Naylor, Jan Terrill and Larry Chase. Barb said that United Christian Services (UCS) can no longer use St. Mark's 501(c)(3) number. The Bishop wants this corrected. Barb said this needs to get straightened out so we can go forward with the audit. Barb hopes to have the audit report ready for the November meeting. Discussion about how to accomplish this change. Suggestion that UCS should be under the 501(c)(3) number of Eleanor's Pantry instead of ours. Barb said that this is a priority and she'll do what she can do get the change made.

Calendar:

- October 19 - Health Ministry Conference
- October 26 - 11 am, acolyte/EM training
- October 31 - Halloween trick or treat - 5 pm to dusk
- November 3 - All Saints, All Souls Sunday
- November 9 - 9 am, lector training
- November 16 - Diocesan Council meeting
- November 24 - New Consecration Sunday
- November 28-December 1 - Mo. Rebecca on vacation
- December 1 - 1st Sunday in Advent - Mo. Rebecca will get a supply priest
- December 7 - Cookie Walk/Craft Sale
- December 21 - Blue Christmas Service ("Longest Night" Service)
- December 24 - 7 pm Christmas Eve Service
- December 25 - 9:30 am Christmas Day Service
- January 7 - Mutual Ministry Review (Bill Spaid will be here)
- January 19 - Annual Meeting

Acceptance of September Minutes: Gerry Stackhouse moves that the September minutes be accepted as corrected. Judy Peterson seconds the motion. Discussion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Larry Chase said things are going just fine. A little behind in pledges but other than that all is well. Gerry Stackhouse moves that the Treasurer's Report be placed on file. Nancy Wheatley seconds the motion. Discussion. Motion approved.

Additions to Agenda:

Credit Card Reader for Sales to Public: Judy spoke about "the cube" that's plugged into the cell phone - makes it very easy. Or there is also a portable box - cell phone not necessary. Something to think about as a lot of people don't carry cash or checks anymore. No cost to get - they charge 2.67% of the sale. Suggestion that a separate bank account be maintained and any monies would be deposited in it. Think about it and take it up again next month. Judy will email information to all so we can discuss next meeting.

Columbarium: Need to get a nameplate for Barney Sellman's place in the columbarium. Mo. Rebecca will check with Jan Terrill and see if he will order through the company he had previously used.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 19, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNED: Mother Rebecca closed our meeting with a prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn L. Brisbane
Vestry Clerk