

ST. MARK'S VESTRY
MINUTES OF 5/21/13 MEETING

(CORRECTED AND APPROVED)

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

CONVENED: 6:30 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Jean Kracker (excused)

VISITOR: Eva Jerome

OPENING MEDITATION/REFLECTION: Bible Study - reading from Luke 13:10-17. Discussion.

Mo. Rebecca also passed out a printout entitled, "What We Believe - The Episcopal Church", for informational purposes.

BUSINESS:

Living Compass Program: Eva Jerome introduced the Living Compass program that she will be facilitating with Dn. Karen McDonald this summer. The program will be held here at St. Mark's from June 12 through July 24. St. Mark's will purchase the course booklets through our outreach money which will also pay for ads in the Flashes and the Courier-Leader. Nancy Wheatley moves that St. Mark's sponsors this as an outreach program, pays for the booklets and the advertisements in Flashes and Courier and the refreshments served. Gerry Stackhouse seconded the motion. Following a discussion and a vote, the motion passed. For additional information see www.Livingcompass.org.

Spiritual Life:

- **Safeguarding God's Children/People:** pending
- **Confirmation/Reception:** Mo. Rebecca now has the papers to look into this. Further update at next meeting.
- **Training for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Officiants for M.P., Acolytes:** June 22nd training will be held. Mo. Rebecca will be getting together with Joan Copeland on Sunday to discuss Greeters/Usher training.

Kingdom Work:

- **This Summer:**
VBS: donation/work: Reviewed Lise Black's report from the rummage sale - took in \$826. Judy Peterson moves that we pay \$100 as budgeted

to the Community VBS - Nancy Wheatley seconded the motion. Discussion. Motion passed.

Nancy said that the Van Buren DHS is looking for participation in donations for incoming migrant families. Nancy will get the information to Mo. Rebecca and she'll put it in the bulletin.

Mass-on-the-Grass with picnic lunch: Judy Peterson is concerned about having an event such as this (sitting on the grass) given the age of our congregation. She said that maybe it would be better if we had an ice cream social and invite kids in the neighborhood. Perhaps we could combine the annual blessing of the animals with an ice cream social or some other type of refreshment - a first Sunday in October festivity. Further discussion at next meeting.

- **This Fall:** see above and consider have our trailer in the Wine & Harvest parade.
- **AA:** Judy said that they had a meeting and the AA steering committee decided they would not be coming back. Some comments were: content where they are, concerned about the space size, feeling that St. Mark's is more interested in the money - don't want to be turned out if they don't have money turned in, St. Mark's is more concerned about rent not sobriety, with the new clean-up list wondering if St. Mark's is looking for custodian.

Parish Life:

- **List for Building and Grounds:** Mo. R said that there are a few things to refer to Buildings and Grounds -
 - Putting shed together
 - Remove dead tree
 - Soffit repair
 - Resurface parking lot
 - Exterior Work
 - Handicap Accessible
- **Rummage Sale - Update:** Review Lise Black's report; took in \$826,
- **Columbarium Update:** Larry Chase said that in another week or so the contractor will be here to do the work to get ready for the transfer of the columbarium - sometime in mid-June.
- **Cedar Street Church:**
 - **Signs:**
 - D. Hoover - signs: *pending*
 - Signage on both sides: Judy said that she found out that the Village ordinance limits us to one wall sign per street frontage and one

freestanding sign on a setback of 5 feet. The total square feet of all signs is 32 and no single sign shall exceed 24 square feet. Judy said that she will work with the Terrills and come up with something to present to the vestry - maybe include a QR code. Regarding the ancient St. Mark's sign, Judy will talk about it with Chris Terrill and Jim Lytle about it to see if it can be refurbished.

- **Purchase of Metal Shed:** At a brief meeting after church on Sunday, 5/12, a quorum of the vestry gave Larry Chase permission to purchase a 10x10 metal shed for the property - cost of \$285. The Men's Group will assemble it.
- **Planting Project:** Susan Rice had an idea about a neighborhood project. She is to present a proposal to vestry. Tabled until next meeting.
- **Landscaping Project:** Gerry Stackhouse will be planting bulbs and other plants.

Church Business and Support:

- **Gross Scholarship Committee Update:** Judy Peterson said that only one person was eligible - Leah Rice. She got all the information in. The Scholarship Committee- Barb Johnson, Eva Jerome, Evan Hughes, Phil Naylor, Judy Peterson - reviewed her application and awarded her \$4500 for the 2013-2014 academic year. Gave her Bill Gross' sister's address for thank you note (and also provided the information to the Prediger girls).
- **Audit:** Barb Farris said she has a committee of 3 (per the guidelines). Phil Naylor, Jan Terrill, Barb Farris along with treasurer Larry Chase. They have guidelines for congregations which they will be following. Looking at all of the accounts. Just looking at 2012. Will also be looking at Vestry minutes for the past year. Will be looking at restricted funds accounts - ECW, Memorial, Checking, Savings. Making sure there are co-signers on the accounts. Dawn Brisbane will copy and send the vestry minutes of 2012 to Barb Farris.
- **QR Code for St. Mark's:** Jim Lytle has created it; now Judy is looking into how to apply this application. Put something in the newsletter - Judy suggests that Jim start out by putting it in the newsletter.
- **Calendar:**
June 1: Diocesan ECW Annual Meeting at Holy Trinity, Wyoming
June 7: Diocesan Council overnight retreat until Saturday June 8
June 9: Deanery meeting

June 9: Mo. Rebecca - Onekema vacation to June 16

June 16: Father's Day

June 22 (Saturday)

Worship Assistants Training (coffee and rolls provided)

9:00 - lector training

9:30-10:30 - Eucharistic minister/acolyte training

June 22: Linnea Stifler ordination at St. Martins, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

June 28: Mo. Rebecca CE at Transformation at Nazareth College

- **Acceptance of April Minutes:** Gerry Stackhouse moves that the April minutes be accepted as written. Nancy Wheatley seconds the motion. Discussion. Vote. Motion passed.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Gerry Stackhouse Nancy moves that the Treasurer's Report be placed on file. Nancy Wheatley seconds the motion. Discussion about the discrepancy between what Rector was paid last year and what's budgeted this year (less than 2012). Last year we paid for part of the FICA tax but this year we are not. Vote. Motion passed. Treasurer's Report can be filed.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 18, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNED: Mother Rebecca closed our meeting with a prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn L. Brisbane
Vestry Clerk