

Chapel of the Cross

Vestry Minutes

June 17, 2009

PRESENT: Alston Johnson, Rector; Ruby Medlin, Senior Warden; Hermine Welch, Jr. Warden; Frances Christian; Betty Ruth Fox; Bill Horn; Dick Lawrence; Seymour Pooley; Whit Rayner; Liz Welch; Russell Wilcox; and Jon Woodard

Guest: Donna Marcus; Cliff and Kim Peyton

CALL TO ORDER

Ruby Medlin called the meeting to order and prayer was led by Alston Johnson and recited by group.

NEW BUSINESS

New placement for Heavenly Hogs during Day in the Country

Cliff and Kim Peyton, chairpersons of Day in the Country for 2009, passed out a proposed plan for the new Heavenly Hog 's layout. The new location would be along back fence of new property line. After their presentation, questions, and discussion, the Vestry was pleased with the progress of the plan and thought the Peyton's were moving in the right direction. Senior Warden wanted to make sure there was adequate security (around lake) and proper lighting around the Heavenly Hog area.

FINANCIALS

Financial Report

Donna Marcus presented the financial report. In summary, the Chapel received \$39,151 in income during May and incurred expenses of \$64,499 which nets a loss of (\$25,348). Cash available for operations as of May 30, 2009 was \$56,562.

After June is over, Donna will work on a mid-year review of the Chapel's finances on a line by line basis. The Finance committee will meet a little later in month but still in time to have a report to Vestry.

Hermine Welch made a motion to approve financials and Jon Woodard seconded the motion.

Line of Credit

Dick Lawrence brought up the next item of business under financials which was the possibility of obtaining a line of credit up to \$50,000 from Merchants and Farmers Bank

for cash flow purposes for day to day operations. There is still concern over month to month operating funds especially during summer months. General discussion and observations of the Vestry regarding this line were: – canons require a plan and payback of debt of this type within two years; Merchants and Farmers Bank would not allow unsecured line of credit; and Certificates of Deposit cannot be pledged as security because those funds are restricted; and, if property were pledged, this matter would have to go before Standing Committee of the diocese.

After discussion, the Vestry decided against obtaining a line of credit and directed the Senior Warden to send out an email to the parish about keeping pledges current; slim attendance and pledges during summer months can create cash flow problems: and thanking the parish for their generous gifts after the first email was sent in April. Also, each month, there will be an update/ general information on the website and in the newsletter regarding financials.

Pace Audit

Dick Lawrence also presented a proposal from Pace Audit for \$3,500 to prepare our financial statement. After this year, the Finance Committee will look at rebidding this service.

Hermine Welch made motion to approve and Russell Wilcox seconded.

Donna also reported that the financials will be reported on an accrual method after June 30th of this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Jon Woodward was not shown as present at the last vestry meeting. Russell Wilcox made a motion that the minutes reflect Jon Woodard was present and that the minutes be approved. Hermine Welch seconded the motion.

CEMETERY UPDATE

Judy Barnes will send out an email announcing the opening of the new cemetery. She has also prepared maps so that people are able to see plots, etc. Thanks to all those that worked on the cemetery project. The New Cemetery borrowed \$14,000 from the Old Cemetery to complete this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Men's Group would like to put up a bulletin board probably by the water fountain. If the Chapel provides the bulletin board (think we already have one) Men's Group will install. There was no objection by the Vestry.

New playground and brick stacked up on the side and behind the Education Building were discussed. There are some drainage issues regarding retaining wall that is needed to increase size of playground and Jon Woodward and Betty Ruth Fox will check on

plans and ideas regarding the wall. If a third day of Mother's Morning Out is added, playground will have to be a certain size and this would require retaining wall.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH – Russell Wilcox

There were lots of new volunteers at Vacation Bible School. There were 50 to 60 kids in attendance. Ginny Mitchell was recognized as a huge volunteer for VBS. There was a new hire in the Mother's Morning Out program.

Lyn Ward has not signed anything about her retirement and Lyn will need to check with Donna Marcum.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE – Seymour Pooley

DITC coming along – He will Call Kim and Cliff and tell them they are on track and to keep the Vestry posted. He will also remind them about security issues and proper lighting.

WORSHIP – Whit Rayner

Choir off July thru 2nd week in August

Acolyte training on calendar for August

REFLECTIONS

Jr. Warden – Hermine Welch

Plumbing is ok for now and the sprinkler has been fixed over stove.

Thanks to Shirley Abney and Terry Powell for new flower bed.

Russell Wilcox will check on filter service.

Total cost of swing set and 2 basketball goals -- \$5,600

The use of proceeds from Day in the County for 2009 was discussed. Russell Wilcox made the motion as follows:

50% to Historic Chapel Restoration

50% to Servant Ministry

Hermine Welch seconded the motion.

The Honduran Medical Mission was discussed and possible separate fund raiser for this mission will be held in the fall.

Senior Warden – Ruby Medlin

Good week at the Chapel. She remembered Stan Herrin's mother and Jona Keeton's grandmother – both of them passed away.

Rector – Alston Johnson

Don Chancellor is making headway at Sewanee.

The Rector asked the Vestry to receive Dan Robertson and Reggie Sims for Diocesan Worship Leaders.

Dick Lawrence made the motion to approve and Jon Woodward seconded the motion.

The Rector commended Tony Risher for the great job that he did organizing the Grave Diggers guild for Tavia Bennett's burial.

Steve Downs is in Alaska.

Vestry needs to think about stewardship chair for this year.

General Convention is in California in July.

Rector will be out for the next two Sundays and Scott Lenior and Marty Reynolds will supply. Bill Horne will also be available to supply.

Closed with Compline led by Alston