

VESTRY MEETING St. Stephen's Church  
August 19, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Keith Conforti, Senior Warden  
Sheri Anderson, Junior Warden  
The Rev. Margot Critchfield, Rector

Kathy Brooks	Roger Hill
Davenport Crocker, Jr.	Robin Lualdi
Sandy Emler	David Theodore
Robin Fusco	Ginny Wieland

**Vestry Cornerstone Goals**

Decentralize decision-making and two-way communication.  
"Tithing Plus" allocated to outreach plus increased awareness and participation  
Financial Health  
Changing worship needs for a growing church

**Vestry Circles**

Worship/ Formation/Outreach  
*Davenport Crocker, Jr., Robin Lualdi, Robin Fusco*

Parish Organization/Property  
*Roger Hill, Rob Jurgel, Fran Burnham*

Parish Life/Hospitality/Evangelism  
*Kathy Brooks, Sandy Emler, David Theodore*

**Life In The Spirit**

Opened the meeting with Vestry Handbook August Prayer and the Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Minutes – the minutes were corrected and approved

Agenda – agenda voted on and approved

Reports- the Minutes of the Finance Committee August 3 meeting were accepted.  
Please contact Jack Wieland if you have questions.

Keith reported that our contract with Roselli, Clark and Associates, an outside auditor, has been cancelled and there will be no charges for work begun. Suggestions for outside auditors are being sought.

The vestry read our meeting ground rules. We were encouraged to follow Robert's Rules of Order to be more productive and effective in the future.

Executive Session

Old Business

Three important dates kick off the Fall season: 9/6 Last Beach Service of the year, return to the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday morning schedule on 9/13 with the Ministry Fair immediately following the service, and the Parish Picnic on 9/20. It was suggested that Margot might highlight these events in her next Carillon article, perhaps a letter to the parish. We suggested postponing the Carillon publication until 9/1. Keith will contact Joan Allanach, re-scheduling of volunteers.

September 13<sup>th</sup> is our Ministry Fair, when we launch our Parish Circles as well as have Godly Play registration. Three new bulletin boards, circles in the appropriate colors will be created by Roger, Keith and their boys for circle displays and hung between the windows in Walton Rogers Hall. A fourth, for downstairs, with all three circles is also in the planning stage. Minutes from committee meetings in the circles, announcements, activities, contact people and contact information are to be displayed here.

A card stock publication for parishioners to take home depicting the circles and contact info will be created for Fall distribution. An alphabetical listing of committees will be on the back for easy circle reference; would be nice if these could be color coded. Combined mailings will be used as often as possible: Circle card with Godly Play Registration, text inclusion in the Carillon as well as an email version and inclusion in the Sunday bulletin. Cathy Forest and Joyce Conforti are working on the Godly Play registration material. Alix White is working on the Sandwich Board for outside display of upcoming activities. Ginny has agreed to be the contact person for weekly Mariner information after October. Jeannie DeMurias is currently doing this. Phone number for the Mariner is 781-740-2935 and contact must be made by Wed. a.m.

Kathy Brooks will purchase table cloths and matching balloons which will be filled at Coldwell with helium on Sunday a.m. by Davenport.

Each vestry liaison will contact the committees in their group to have them provide displays and information on their committee and we are to facilitate their needs table wise, etc.

Parish picnic 9/20: Food is being prepared by the Quincy Crisis Center Kitchen Angels. We are considering Nona's Ice Truck for desserts and a Moon Walk for the kids. Roger volunteered to check with the town manager to see if we could use the Common that morning.

Sheri suggested that each of the circle ministries host fellowship in October...10/18 Spirit, 10/25 Life, 11/1 Growth. Think about color coordination for food served etc! Tonight's lovely refreshments provided by Sheri represented each of the circles.

Upcoming dates:

9/6: Last 7 a.m. Beach Service and 9 a.m. at St. Stephen's

9/13: Return to 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Services with Ministry Fair and Godly Play  
Registration Immediately Following

9/17: Vestry meeting 7 p.m. preceded by light supper

9/20: Parish Picnic after 10 a.m. service

10/4 : Newcomers Brunch

10/15 : No vestry meeting due to retreat

Friday 10/16 : Vestry Dinner at Andersons... Robin Fusco and Sandy Emler assisting

Saturday 10/17 : Vestry Retreat Sisters of St. Joseph 9-4 p.m.

10/25 : Vestry Retreat with Bishop Bud Cederholm

Margot suggested trying a vestry supper prior to our meetings. Robin Lualdi will provide a casserole and Sandy the salad and dessert for our next meeting, 9/17.

There was a motion to adjourn at 9:30 that was seconded and voted on and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Emler, Clerk Pro tem