

**VESTRY MEETING MINUTES**  
**St. Stephen's Church**  
**May 21st**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Present**

The Rev. Margot Critchfield  
Keith Conforti  
Sheri Anderson  
Sandy Emler  
Fran Burnham  
Kathy Brooks  
Roger Hill  
Ginny Wieland  
David Theodore  
Kris Broe

**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 parish  
Increase active membership

**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  
*David Theodore, Kathy Brooks, Sandy Emler*

**Life in the Spirit**

We opened the meeting with the Vestry prayer for May  
Nearer to Christ: vestry members shared stories.  
Minutes – the minutes were voted on and approved after pointing out a few errors that the clerk made (i.e. referring to Paul Pitts as Paul Pratt!)  
The agenda – the agenda was voted on and approved.

**Reports to Vestry**

A. Senior Warden Report (handout)

Keith reported that the Finance Committee is working on an article for the Carillon which would be similar to the presentation that they gave to vestry. The parish needs to know our current state and plans to stabilize the future financial state of the church.

Men's Ministry – Keith reported that there will be *Faith on Tap* at the Legion

once a month with one member leading the discussions. Keith will send a letter to the men in the parish as well as putting an article in the Mariner to encourage more participation.

The Professional Directory is almost complete.

B. Treasurers' Report

Ginny reviewed the report which focused on: the account balances in the checking account, the two savings accounts and a summary of the income/expense versus the 2009 budget (YTD). There has been a very positive reaction with respect to the mini-report of actual receipts versus budgeted weekly expenses – that have been part of the weekly bulletin. In June there will be an auditor on site.

C. Parish Life Circle Report

Kathy reported on the *Purple Circle* Sunday fellowship needs a plan for the summer. Last year no one set up when Bill was off.

It was decided that one vestry member would take a summer Sunday and be in charge of fellowship – recruiting families to help each Sunday. We will create a check list of what needs to be done for Sunday fellowship.

Dine with Nine – Kathy will take this on for the summer and get dates out right away. There will be a description of Dine with Nine in the Carillon with dates.

Parish Picnic - Someone needs to be in charge of spearheading this before summer starts and people begin to take their vacations. Barbara Power has offered her home for the picnic. Maggie Moy will be called to assist.

## **New Business**

A. There will be a special vestry meeting June 4<sup>th</sup> with the only agenda item being to strategize what will happen after August 9<sup>th</sup>.

B. Summer hours – Margot proposed: Starting June 21<sup>st</sup>  
7:00 a.m. for the Beach Service  
9:00 a.m. for the Church Service

C. We will set up a committee to plan for Colette's August 9<sup>th</sup> event. Fun ideas will not be shared in the minutes since Colette will read them!

D. Carillon Concert Series – needs support

There will be a planning meeting May 31<sup>st</sup> to strategize how we can get people involved in this enjoyable and free family event. Some ideas were: have popcorn and lemonade; plan a softball game; advertise at the Farmer's Market and Roger will make a sandwich board.

E. Wednesday Night Dinner and Formation Plan – Margot and Nancy St. John came up with the idea to have an informal supper each Wednesday night

with Godly Play for adults and other spiritual events, help with homework, children's choir. Margot also discussed going forward with the Children's Chapel Service.

### **Old Business**

A. Burn the Mortgage Campaign

Form a campaign committee

Communicate to and educate the parish

Start sooner rather than later Roll out parish wide 2010

We need to find creative ways of raising capital – yard sales, estate sales, on-line opportunities, etc.

B. We will re-visit the vestry's role as liaisons to Parish Circles.

There was a move to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded and voted on unanimously.

Ending Prayer 9:45 p.m.