

**Minutes: Regular Vestry Meeting – May 30, 2006**

The meeting was called to order with prayer by Rev. Lawrence at 7:38pm. A quorum was present. Excused: M. Guilford, D. Mink. Absent: K. Crabbe. Also attending: Rev. Patricia Moore, Emily Wilmer, David Jasper.

Spiritual education and educators: a contemplative approach to youth ministry. Youth minister Emily Wilmer read *Psalm 78* to the vestry and quieted them in a period of reflective silence. She then spoke of youth ministry as the ‘heart of a parish’ and her sense of our ministry as a broken heart. Optimistically Wilmer sees God – and great opportunity -- in the rent void of our broken heart. She then briefed the vestry on her recent visit to Youth Ministry and Spirituality Project (YMSP) founder, Mark Yaconelli, accompanied by parishioners Jennifer Foster and Monica Lehre.

Yaconelli, a seasoned youth minister with a national reputation, has designed a way of building and guiding a faith community’s youth ministry, which Wilmer is bringing to Incarnation. Rev. Moore suggested that YMSP’s approach paralleled the Community of Hope ministry that has brought such good to our parish. Wilmer and other leaders are prayerfully considering ‘calling’ selected members of our parish to join and grow into a new ministry to our children and youth.

The Minutes of the meeting of May 2 were approved without change.  
[M-Nykamp, 2-Foster, Unan.]

Members discussed and affirmed the Outreach Commission’s recommendation to invest \$1,050 of outreach funds in sending two parishioners to the National Jubilee Ministries Gathering. Our attendees will bring back new and thought-provoking ideas and concepts for possible use and to continue to energize this ministry.  
[M-Wager, 2-Wiuff, Unan.]

Financial statements for April and the finance committee’s comments and recommendations were explained by Treasurer John Nykamp. The statements were accepted, and \$5,000 was transferred from Estates Funds to replenish the Building and Repair Fund. [M-Nykamp, 2-Fritz, Unan.]

A status briefing on our attempt to purchase the vacant lot was presented by Rector's Warden Jennifer Foster. Foster and David Jasper met with independent counsel to review the environmental documents provided by the seller, seek advice regarding purchasing as an LLC or S-Corp. and to discuss working with the State Clean Up Fund. In addition, Charles Ramsden of Church Insurance was consulted regarding the insurance issues with purchasing the lot and using it as a parking lot. Through many lengthy discussions it was decided the appropriate course of action is to take title as "Church of the Incarnation of Santa Rosa," our corporation's name. In the future, should the parish decide to demolish or construct on the lot, Foster and Jasper recommend the vestry revisit the issue of forming another legal entity and transferring the lot to that entity.

The parish's Annual Parochial Report of attendance, stewardship and financial information was reviewed and accepted by the vestry. [M-Wiuff, 2-Wager, Unan.] Rev. Moore explained that this difficult-to-prepare report's preparation in future years would be somewhat easier and more accurate thanks to features of our newly-installed ACS accounting and information system.

Rev. Moore presented our Commission on Ministry's recommendation to approve parishioners to be licensed as lay ministers of worship. The vestry enthusiastically approved the commission's recommendation and endorsed the names to Bishop Lamb for his final approval. [M-Wiuff, 2-Keene, Unan.] Each person recommended has been interviewed by clergy, participated in training, and has met with and been endorsed by the commission. Nominees for Eucharistic Minister, 7 persons. Nominees for Eucharistic Visitor, 9 persons. One person as Worship Leader. Following Bishop Lamb's approval, all nominees' names will be published in our newsletter.

Rev. Lawrence reported that the complicated project of re-keying the many doors and points of entry throughout our campus has been successfully completed under Parish Administrator Vicki Garcia's oversight. Special thanks were given Rector's Warden Foster, who was able to refer us to a locksmith who reduced our anticipated project costs by \$350.

Parish health advocate/nurse. Rev. Moore happily advised the vestry that our grant request to The Darby Betts Foundation had successfully brought \$5,000 to this important ministry, and that an anonymous donor had made a \$10,000 donation via The Community Foundation. We will immediately undertake a search for the professional to fill this new position; estimated to work 12 hours each week during the initial year. Main job responsibilities include: advocacy in the health care system, referrals, wellness education, and work with Episcopal Homes Foundation to bring the 'Senior Center without Walls' program to Sonoma County. Additional funding is needed, and potential donors are being identified to continue the program beyond its first year.

With the reconfiguration of offices to provide more effective use of space, there is a need to purchase 2 printers and 1 monitor. The vestry approved Treasurer Nykamp's recommendation to purchase the printers from the operating budget's office equipment expense, and the monitor from Sanctuary Project funds. [M-Baier, 2-Benjamin, Unan]

The meeting adjourned at 9:16pm. Next regularly-scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 27, at 7:30pm.

Prepared May 31, 2006 by Michael Hickey, Clerk.

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