

Trinity Parish in Bergen Point
Vestry Meeting
Sunday, April 2, 2017

Present:

Father Gregory Perez	Jayson Cofield
Matt Guerra, Senior Warden	Marci McKim
Mary LoSardo, Clerk	Brian Minish-Malinconico
Stephen Dittrich, Treasurer	Jane Wiadzionek

Absent: Maureen Bonczowski, Carmela Raisch

Father Greg called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM. Minutes from the March 12, 2017 meeting prepared by Mary LoSardo were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Marci McKee and seconded by Jane Wiadzionek; approval was unanimous.

Rector's Report

Financial Report

- Brian Murray was unable to attend today's meeting, but will be at the Thursday WMA Board meeting instead.
- Annual pledges are up. It was agreed we should aim for increasing the parish's investment funds to a half million dollars. We should also consider amending the by-laws to specify that money from investments can only be withdrawn under specified circumstances and list examples. (The bylaws currently cover how to invest but not the situations in which money should be taken out.)

Coffee Hour

- We have switched to Wonder Bagel since we have continued to have difficulty obtaining invoices from Paulanto's Bakery. We are now getting eighteen bagels, and Andrea Resetar has been picking them up and paying for them, which will be credited to her pledge.

Hobart Housing

- Ground-breaking will take place sometime during April/May timeframe with ceremonial shovels and as many local government officials as possible (Mayor, city council, county executive, etc.) [NOTE: The date and time has been set for 1:00PM on May 31st.]
- We paid for remediation of the site, and the developer will reimburse us.

Buildings and Grounds

Repairs

- The carpeting in the hallway near the water fountain poses a danger and needs to be repaired or replaced. The door on the side of the building is extremely difficult to open and needs to be repaired.

Hospitality

When city parades are held, marchers often assemble in our parking lot. The vestry agreed with Father Greg's suggestion to have the Parish Hall open at these times, serving coffee and donuts and allowing access to our rest rooms. This will further our outreach to the community.

Fundraising

July 8th Fair

- We are entering into a contract with the vendor, Mickey's Rides. We will have a 75/25 split of the proceeds.
- The vendor provides the manpower to handle the inflatables while we will need volunteers to staff the hot dog, popcorn and cotton candy booths.
- Matt Guerra will look into permits and into hiring off-duty policemen to serve as security.
- Matt Guerra moved that the formal contract be approved; Brian Minish-Malinconico seconded the motion; approval was unanimous.

Annual Dinner

- The 50/50 raffle tickets have been printed and mailing will begin.

Annual Meeting: Vestry Election

Jane and Jayson have agreed to serve on the nominations committee. Father Greg urged that we communicate what vestry membership means. We want people to come forward, rather than trying to recruit them. In line with this:

- Mary will prepare a brochure about the vestry (attached).
- We will publicize the agenda of the next vestry meeting and urge parishioners to attend.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marci McKim and seconded by Jane Wiazdzonek. Approval was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 12:26 PM.

Next meeting: Sunday, May 21 at 11:15 AM. PLEASE NOTE: This is the third Sunday of the month, since Mother's Day takes place on the second Sunday.