

Vestry Meeting Highlights – St. Mark’s Episcopal Church – 15 April 2008

1. Rector’s Report: Fr. George Smith

- Horatio Chavez did a question and answer period on April 13th; about 15 people attended
- Daniela Currie was baptized at the service on April 6th.
- St. Mark’s is now hosting a Sunday night AA meeting; group moved from another local church.
- On Easter Sunday we had two wonderful services with a total of about 500 people in attendance; there was a good balance of attendance between the two services.
- Peter David Schilling was baptized at the vigil on March 22nd.
- St. Mark’s hosted an instructional Seder dinner on March 19th.
- We will be hosting an Ascension Day Service on Thursday May 1st. This will be for all Episcopalians and Lutherans in the area. Daughters of the King will be hosting the reception.
- Please be sure to greet people you don’t know!

2. Mission & Outreach: Martha Pfefferman

- PADS Summer
 - Jen Phillips is doing a lot of the work on organizing the food with Jim Hamilton.
 - We are short on casseroles.
 - We need to redo the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to clarify our needs.
 - We need more help over the July 4th weekend.
- St. Mark’s has given \$200 to Burmese refugees via St. Paul-by-the-Lake, who has been helping them (editor’s note: this effort began long before the recent cyclone disaster)
- We are hoping to gather blankets, pillows, pillow cases, and books for 2-7 year olds of a homeless family.

3. Lent Event Update: Martha Sexauer

- We are at about \$5000 including the anticipated contribution from the weekend at the Judds.
- Problem – The Lent Event has not been on the radar screen because we are much busier as a parish than we have been in the last couple of years. We continue to push to make \$10,000.

4. Statements of Purpose: Elizabeth Lanzillo

- Personal outreach via the phone is incredibly successful. For instance, Elizabeth called a woman to invite her to NOVA and that woman then came to church the next Sunday.
- Elizabeth distributed a form of Statement of Purpose for each committee; these may be used at the Ministry Fair to describe the different groups that are active here at St. Mark’s.
- Elizabeth guided a discussion of the Statement of Purpose for the Purple Envelope/Lent Event program. This is to fulfill a budgeted line-item that is different from the Giving Campaign.

5. Youth & Children’s Ministries: Rev. Katie Wright

- Katie distributed a handout reviewing where we are and goals for Youth and Children’s ministries.
- Highlights – We have low numbers for high-school-age Sunday School attendees and high numbers for pre-school and kindergarten children.
- Goal for high school is 26% attendance. The question we must ask is where are these people? Are we giving them activities in addition to Sunday School?
- Curriculum – Katie is working on a three-year curriculum cycle because right now our structure needs improving. Currently, there may be redundancy and gaps.
- Gifts – Katie will be adding 5th grade and high school graduation gifts for graduates.
- Katie hopes to use all of the great artistic skills in our parish to help our children experience the sacred in a variety of ways.
- Summer activities – we are adding a local summer program for Junior High students and are aiming to add a US high school trip within two years.
- The “Basement Boys” program starts on April 16th.
- We will be putting signs with directions and information by the all entrance doors on Sundays.

6. Finance: Dick Anstee

- As of end of March pledges are \$37,046 ahead of budget, however this includes \$38,000 in fully paid annual pledges plus a generous separate gift.
- We have not used the Campbell Trust assets during the first quarter of 2008.
- Diamante Montessori paid rent for April early.
- We have a new line item for Debt Reduction because St. Mark's received a gift specifically for this.
- Payroll – remember, some payroll amounts are paid quarterly.
- We are over budget for babysitting for Women-to-Women, NOVA and Yoga; however, these programs are very well-attended.
- John Schmuck does our reconciliation.

7. Parochial Report: Elizabeth Lanzillo

- Elizabeth passed out copies of the Parochial Report -- prepared by Dale Byrnes and Dick Anstee; needs to be approved by the Vestry and signed by St. Mark's officers.
- Bruce moved to approve the report. Approval was granted.

Unofficial notes by Sarah Adler