

Vestry Minutes
Tuesday June 16, 2015

Present: Father Kevin, Jim Breakell, Jason Black, Laura Clarke, Sally Schott, Amy Smith

Absent: Karen Murray, John Flinton, George Cadwalader, Bob Bauer, Peter Elsworth

We read and discussed Mark 4:26-34 about the mustard seed.

Rector's Report:

- 1) Kevin let the vestry know that Shelby MacIntosh's mother died on Sunday. There will be a service at St. Matthew's on Saturday June 27th in the afternoon – the same day as Teddy Leyon's memorial service.
- 2) Kevin reported that the Bishop's visit and Confirmation on June 14th went very well. The Bishop and his wife were pleased with everything, and made special mention of the music. Sally noted that the Bishop very sincerely praised Kevin at the service, which as Sally remarked, was well deserved.
- 3) Kevin reported that 4 companies have been contacted to give reports and bids on the organ repairs. One bid/report has come in; the other 3 should be in shortly.
- 4) Kevin and Julia have been brainstorming ways to maintain high Church School attendance throughout the school year. In September, over 30 children register, but after February/March, attendance drops to 5-10 kids per week. One thought is to create a Christian Formation hour between services, which would require moving the 10:00 service to 10:30; this would be for both adults and children, and could include intergenerational opportunities. Jason Black suggested that more long-term projects may keep children coming back each week. Kevin mentioned that Julia will bring the teachers into the discussion then come to a Vestry meeting.

Senior Warden's Report:

- 1) Jim reported that a priority for him is to meet with the Bishop, John Flinton and Kevin to develop a Planned Giving program. The Diocese has programs to help guide us. Kevin stated that we need a clearly written endowment policy along with this program. It was brought up that two members of the congregation are involved with development at schools, and that eventually they should be brought into the discussion. The plan is to have something organized by the fall.

Junior Warden's Report (reported by Jim in Bob Bauer's absence):

- 1) The leak was fixed for \$150.
- 2) Bob is involved in obtaining bids and estimates for the organ repairs.
- 3) The lawn mower blade was in dire need of replacement, which has since been done.

Liaison Reports:

- 1) Laura Clarke reported that since the last Vestry meeting, a bowl was placed in the Thrift Shop for people to submit the name of a charity or cause where 50% of the Thursday Thrift Shop revenue would be donated to once a month. The first drawing will be this Thursday June 18th. Jason mentioned that he will be there to take photos, and to publicize this in the Jamestown Press.

Other Business:

- 1) Kevin mentioned that the photo taken of the Bishop and Confirmands has been submitted to the Jamestown Press.
- 2) Brief discussions about the Summer Fair were:
 - a) Sunday School rooms will be ready this week for donations. Kevin will mention this during announcements on Sunday.
 - b) Jason confirmed that he and Deb Britton will work together on publicizing the fair.
- 3) Kevin stated that he will be on vacation June 30 – July 6th. Jackie Kirby will fill in. He will also be on vacation the last week of July.
- 4) Next meetings:
 - Summer Fair meeting – Tuesday June 30th
 - Next Vestry meeting – Tuesday July 21st
 - No Vestry meeting in August