

Church of the Apostles
Vestry Minutes
June 16, 2007

Present: **Vicar, Liz Simmons**
 Senior Warden: Bill Krauss
 Junior Warden: Jon Skaug
 Vestry Members: Sue Fehniger, Phyllis Petersen, Stan Newton, Bryce
 Downing
 Clerk of the Vestry: Diann Neal
 Treasurer: Wil Harri
 Team Leaders: Teri Martindale, Barbara Garrity

Absent: Jane Heffelman

Agenda: Bill Krauss provided the agenda for the meeting & emailed a packet earlier to all for review and additions, in preparation for this meeting. Included in the pre-meeting materials were the Team Leader Reports and Apostles Treasurers report / Monthly Comparison Detail completed per Wil Harri.

Next Meeting: **July 20, 2007 @ 6 PM, Friday evening at the home of Bill Krauss – spouses invited also. Bring swim suits.** Teri and Sue gave regrets. They will be out of town.

Sunday Lock up Schedule for July and August:

7/1/07	Diann Neal
7/8/07	Jane Heffelman
7/15/07	Bill Krauss
7/22/07	Diann Neal
7/29/07	Teri Martindale
8/5/07	Sue Fehniger
8/12/07	Phyllis Petersen
8/19/07	Stan Newton
8/26/07	Jon Skaug

Wil Harri stated he is often available for lock up. Those needing a back up are Welcome to call Wil first as a stand in when something comes up that interferes with your ability to fulfill your assigned lock up date.

The meeting was facilitated by Bill Krauss. The meeting began at 8:04 AM with prayer and sharing. Following prayer, the following discussions took place:

Nursery: Kristin Downing dropped in and volunteered to assume responsibility for the Apostles Nursery and to work it on Sunday's. She will work to organize it as a co-op.

Check signers were identified: Phyllis Petersen, Jane Heffelman

Agenda Item:

Why are we here as a Vestry? To own a mission, vision, and develop a plan of action. Values and Mission will be posted on the Apostles web site when completed.

“Stewardship Value” statement discussion: The group reviewed several Stewardship Value statements from other churches and dioceses. Discussion followed and the group worked to identify Apostles Vestry stewardship values. These values will be crafted into an Apostles Vestry statement. This statement will be used at the annual commitment meeting. These values help us recast the Apostle's vision.

- “We believe....”
- “We commit to these actions....”
- “We invite.....”

Discussion of verbiage / themes that seems to work for the group included:

- Abundance – simply to have enough – “I live in abundance”
 - Give abundantly VS not enough, scarcity, excess
- Joy – “I take joy in God's gifts”
 - True joy is in giving to others. The sharing of God's gifts to me
 - I take joy in God's gift
 - I take joy in giving to others
 - Gift VS earned “Gifts from God”
- Gratitude – genuine – VS: desire, me/mine, complacency, I deserve
 - Gratitude that is “other” centered
 - Gratitude VS deserved
 - Goal: expansive generosity
 - Gratitude and Generosity are hallmarks of a life lived in joy
- Stewardship is to “manage” &/or be a “caretaker” of... someone else's property or the “common property” – for future generations
- God is the source and we are the caretakers
 - Corinthians 9: 6-8 “Give abundantly”
 - I receive everything I need by being in a relationship with God
 - All I have is a gift
 - Love God and care for his creation
- See Bishop Burrill's statements
 - Don't give with strings. Don't be cynical.
- “Everything we have is a gift of God”
“We live in abundance.”
“We are called to be generous”
“It is impossible to grateful and angry at the same time.”

“Gratitude and generosity are the hallmarks of a life lived with (in) joy. In that mind, we are stewards for future generations.”

Other business:

May Vestry minutes were approved. Apologies to Jon Skaug for incorrect spelling of his name.

Land sale update: the sale of 7.32 acres facing Tangerine Road is moving forward but slower than hoped. Public meetings will be set soon. Notice will be mailed to the nearby residents. Apostles’ leaders are encouraged to attend the meeting. We will knock on doors and discuss the issue with residents in the area. Oro Valley may hold the council meeting here at Apostles to discuss the development and seek community input. This development will require that Oro Valley: 1) modify the general city development plan 2) rezone the area. Discussion also included the possibility of the entrance to the church needing to include an entrance to the new business development. This would require reworking the entire church entrance but might bring more public awareness of the church.

Street Signage: It is unknown if Apostles has letters available for changes on the signs. The office will call Jamie and ask about existence of extra letters. Apostles will purchase extra letters if none are available. Stan Newton offered to be responsible for the addition of Apostles website to the signs. The signs presently set on Oro Valley property. As the entrances to the property change and as La Cholla widens, the signs will have to be moved.

Vestry report to congregation: Jon Skaug volunteered to give the Vestry report at both services tomorrow.

Noted appreciation: Cherry Harper has completed an insurance report for Apostles. The report is through and well done. It includes recommendations. Thank you, Cherry for your excellent work! Jon Skaug brought this to the Vestry’s attention.

Treasurer’s report: Wil Harri presented the financial report. Stan and Wil will develop a plan for Apostles to cover expenses until the land sale takes place. Discussion ensued concerning approaching Commerce Bank for another continuation of the Allonge to provide credit for Apostles until the land sale is completed. Other options include approaching the Diocese for credit or approaching another bank for financing.

Pledges are down presently due to the migration of the snow birds and vacationers. We will encourage those attending this summer to “give ahead” if possible.

July Vestry meeting: Discussion for the July meeting will include our Vestry’s position on the topics of homosexuality and polity. Please, come prepared to discuss these issues. This meeting will occur on Friday, July 20th at 6 PM at the home of Bill Krauss. Bring your swim suits!

Stated goal of the July meeting: to develop a statement or position of Apostles' Vestry. The issues lie in both governance and theology. We will also address the issue of homosexuality. The process will be: education, draft a statement, and take the statement and education to the congregation.

Bill closed the meeting at approximately 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diann Neal, Clerk of the Vestry
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