

St. Paul's Vestry Meeting

August 14, 2016

Present: Myra Stites, Jean Bates, Dawn Lent, Clare Miller, Paul Martin, Barb Langis, Christian Gowan, David Turner, Joanna Diprose, Donna Leonard, Heather Miller

Call to order 11:40 am. Opening prayer by Myra.

Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Dawn, seconded by Barb. Passed.

1. Special Property Report: Exploring Possible Land Use Opportunities:

Clare Miller presented the proposal that the property committee begin exploring opportunities for using un-developed church land. [See attached]

Discussion focused on concerns for the community garden, the trail of decision making to be followed and the present status of the land for development.

Clare made the motion that Vestry members approve the Property Assessment Committee's proposal to identify the most beneficial use(s) of church owned property. The committee will make recommendations to vestry by December 31, 2016. Moved by Jean and seconded by Barb. Passed.

2. Request to Install an Epinephrine Injector kit in our church building:

Discussion centered on the importance of kit, training for using pen, legal liability and cost of replacement if pen used.

Motion made to advise committee we are interested in receiving the kit with a presentation involving training for kit use. Moved by Joanna and seconded by Paul.

Jean was asked to consult Lois Moore about acquiring of a defibulator for our church.

3. Mission of our Parish:

David presented the mission document outlining the steps to developing our new Mission statement. Discussion centered on what a mission statement should represent and include. David asked vestry to adopt Mission statement. Moved by Jean, seconded by Dawn. Motion passed.

It was reported by Clare that the new chairs are scheduled to arrive on September 17th. Church pews are for sale by contacting him, \$100. Transportation is available. Back to Church Sunday is on September 18th and chairs will probably not be in place on that date.

Meeting adjourned at 12:39 pm. Next meeting September 27th, 7:30 pm.

Exploring Opportunities to Develop Our Property

Background

In early June I was asked if church property across the road could be used for senior housing.

The executive committee - rector, wardens and treasurer - met in mid June to discuss the request and agreed that a land use study should be undertaken to determine what uses might be most beneficial to St. Paul's church parishioners, corporation, and the community of Hampton. Although the concept of senior housing was discussed, no presumptions have been made as to what results of further study will recommend.

Donna Leonard was invited to chair the 'property assessment committee' comprising of Rev. David Turner, Wardens and Treasurer. Donna has the leadership skills, positive attitude and professional background in business analysis to effectively lead this study on behalf of all parishioners.

Bishop David Edwards visited St. Paul's in early July. The committee took the opportunity to discuss the potential for land use with him. The bishop was very supportive! He provided some suggestions and a list of Diocesan and professional resource persons we could call on for advice.

Note that any plans for this land must be approved by our parishioners as well as by the Diocese and the town council of Hampton.

Request for approval

Vestry members are asked to approve the Property Assessment Committee's proposal to identify the most beneficial use(s) of church owned property, as shown as Lot "A" and "B" on the attached "St. Paul's, Property" drawing.

The committee will make recommendations to vestry by December 31, 2016.

Confidentiality

Members of Vestry are asked to refrain from publicly discussing this project until otherwise advised by the committee chair or the rector. Any public discussion will be made either by the chair or by Rev. Turner. Your views and suggestions will be most welcome in personal conversations and in vestry meetings.

Discussion

Clarence Miller
Warden, St. Paul's Church

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