

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VESTRY OF  
SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**December 12, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Vestry of Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church was held December 12, 2012.

Vestry members in attendance were: Van Sheets, Senior Warden, Tony Briggie, Junior Warden; Christine Ashmore, Cindy Carter, Cliff Miercort, Stephanie Pearson, Grady Schleier, Nancy Skochdopole, Tom Stewart, Stewart Thomas, Donnell Wiggins, Paige Wilbur, and Sheryl Wylie. Auxiliary members attending were Matt Waller, Treasurer, John Wilson, Stewardship chair, Giffen Weinmann, representing the SMAA Foundation, and Margaret Spellings, Clerk. Guests included Shelley Vescovo, The Rev. Brenda Sol, and members of a working group exploring the relationship between the Church and the ESD Lower School.

The Rector called the meeting to order at 4:35pm.

**Minutes of the Prior Meeting**

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the November 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Ministry Report - Young Adult/50 Plus**

Rev. Brenda Sol reported on the Young Adult Fellowship. At St. Michael, the Young Adult Fellowship concentrates on church members in their 20s and 30s, either single or married, who are not yet part of the children and family ministries.

Brenda has found that this age group tends to want to be part of overall church life, and not segregated. They also tend to be transient. The ministry was more active when Jemonde was here, but some members have not remained active after Jemonde left. Brenda is reaching out and building contacts in this age group, but it will take some time.

Shelly Vescovo described three groups within the 50s-plus ministry: the Prime Timers, Singles in Prime and Boomers. Shelley said that the Prime Timers are a very active, self-sufficient group with a strong sense of pastoral care. Singles in Prime is the singles ministry for this age group. Many people who might be involved in Singles in Prime are involved with the church in other ways. The Boomers group tends to host larger events, such as the party at the Juetts (to which all adults in the church were invited).

### **ESD-SMAA Working Group regarding the ESD Lower School**

A working group of two representatives from each of St. Michael and ESD has been formed for the purpose of considering certain aspects of the relationship between St. Michael and the ESD Lower School, and the terms on which the relationship might continue. The group consists of Frank Paul King, Allen Lassiter, Beth Puckett and Ann Said. The group is at the beginning stages of its work, and asked the Vestry for some direction on the issues from its perspective. After discussion, it was agreed that the committee should work with the Wardens and Fr. Dannals, and that the Vestry would like to receive specific recommendations from the committee. The same group will meeting with the ESD board to ask the same questions.

### **Finance Report**

Matt Waller reviewed the Income Statement for the Church as of November 30, 2012. Matt reported that expenses are still under budget for the year. It appears that the Church may end the year with positive revenue over expenses. However, the actual figures will depend in part on whether all the pledges come in, and whether some parishioners increase their pledges at year end.

### **Stewardship Report**

John Wilson gave the report of the Stewardship Committee. To date, \$3.8 million has been pledged by parishioners, representing over 800 pledges. John reported that there has been a decrease in the number of pledges to date, but the average dollar amount pledged has increased.

### **Building & Grounds Report**

Tom Stewart reported that Beck has agreed to take on the Columbarium project for a minimal fee. An official groundbreaking ceremony has been planned for early January. Tom is beginning to line up subcontractors for the project.

### **Senior Warden's Report**

The Vestry acknowledged that the following members of the Clergy have a portion of their salary allocated to housing expenses: Bob Dannals, Greg Pickens, Kevin Huddleston, Brenda Sol and Lisa Flores. The amount of each allocation was noted by the Vestry. A motion to approve such amounts passed unanimously.

Van noted that there have been many high-quality nominations for Vestry and for delegates to the Diocesan Convention.

## **Rector's Report**

Fr. Dannals discussed preparations for Advent and Christmas. He mentioned that all proceeds of the "Heart of Giving" and the Christmas offering plate are given to Mission and Outreach. Looking ahead to the Diocesan Convention, he stated that St. Michael will continue to make its contribution to the national Episcopal church.

## **New Business – FUNED Microfinance Loan**

On behalf of the SMAA Mission Outreach Microfinance Committee, Grady Schleier requested that the Vestry approve a one-year extension of the original \$57,000 loan funded in 2009 to Fundacion para el Desarrollo de Honduras (FUNED), plus accrued interest. The original loan matured on Dec. 31, 2011 and was extended to December 31, 2012. The loan proceeds benefit the area around Tela, Honduras, with which the Church has a relationship. A motion was made and seconded that (1) the original \$57,000 loan to FUNED be extended for an additional year to December 31, 2013, and (2) Van Sheets be appointed as the authorized representative of the Church to sign documents related to the extension of the loan. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

There being no more business, the Rector adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Spellings  
Clerk