

**The Church of Our Saviour**  
***Practicing God's Graciousness***

**Vestry Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Present: Pastor Sue, Howard Waltz, John Nelson, Jean Zagar, Jerry Nansen, Cliff Spencer and Chuck Hannan.

Absent: Jerry Howell, Vicki Howell, Vicki Earle, Heather Steiner, Lynda Klingler, and Stephen Irwin.

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action / Notes</b>
1.	Opening Prayer	Pastor Susan+ opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00 pm.
2.	Checking in.	Pastor Susan+ led a short bible study with personal and vestry reflective questions on Matthew 13: 3-9.
3.	Approval of minutes from the March meeting.	Motion approved to accept the minutes of the <a href="#">March</a> Vestry meeting. Nelson/Nansen/passed.
4.	Old business – follow up items from March Church directory – vote on whether to include photos or not.	Pastor Susan+ presented the 2009 directory to the Vestry and noted that it will be put out in Polycarp for revisions and sign offs by parishioners. All views from the March meeting were reiterated including getting a professional directory company; those opposed to that idea; and those in favor and opposed to pictures. Pastor Susan+ reported on an alternative to a “directory company”. We have access to a semi-professional photographer who has offered to take pictures for no cost (with a professional backdrop/by appointment etc) and will provide the pictures on a thumb drive to be uploaded into the PowerChurch directory. The proposal is that she will be available for two consecutive Sundays in both July and August to capture the maximum number of parishioners’ pictures. A motion was made to accept this offer, including the suggestion that a suitable honorarium to be given by COS for the photographers time and materials. Nansen/ Hannan/passed.
5.	Sr. Warden’s report	Pastor Susan+ advised that there was nothing to report from Jerry other than the feedback already provided regarding a photo-directory and the feedback about to be provided concerning the Vestry retreat.
6.	Jr. Warden’s report	Cliff had nothing to report. Jerry Nansen advised that work on the culverts will start soon and there will be a 30-foot connecting area between the parking lots, as well as a ditch to drain off the water in back of the parish hall.  There was a discussion regarding the signs concerning dogs in the buildings and the vestry voted not to put additional signs up. Hannan/Waltz/passed. Pastor Susan+ agreed to talk with anyone who violates the church policy restricting dogs inside church premises (except service animals).
7.	Pastor’s report Treasurer resignation Polycarp Hall space & décor redesign committee VBS committee Feedback on the Vestry retreat	Reiterated that Allen Iampaglia has resigned as Treasurer due to a very difficult family situation and we were asked to keep him and his family in our prayers. New COS member, Sharon Dalrymple, has offered to fill this position. Her qualifications are as follows: She has recently retired from a family business in which she had the position of Chief Financial Officer; she is volunteering in the church office; and is a lector. Given that Sharon is a relatively recent member, we discussed whether there was anything in the by-laws regarding her possible election to Treasurer - there is no conflict. A motion was made to do a background check on Sharon, and then vote on a new Treasurer at the May or June vestry meeting. Waltz/Nansen/passed.  A proposal was made to have Vicki Howell head up a committee to reorganize the decor of the parish hall. All proposed changes must be presented to the Vestry in detail (including drawings and costs). A motion was made that the Vestry approve

		<p>the establishment of this committee and consider any proposed plans. Zagar/Nelson/passed. Vicki Howell has declined to chair this committee.</p> <p>Vestry approved Mary Rose Paterson and Krystal Napier to head up the Vacation Bible School committee for Camp E.D.G.E. Jerry Nansen will be involved also. Vestry are encouraged to actively support VBS.</p> <p>There was discussion on the possibility of finding some kind of help for those who are without health insurance. Chuck Hannan will contact Navajo County to see if they have a free or subsidized health clinic in the area for those without health insurance, or the unemployed.</p> <p>Feedback on the vestry retreat was solicited and that provided by email was shared. Pastor Susan+ noted that the retreat minutes were shared only with the current vestry/officers and are not part of any formal or informal COS records. All are welcome and encouraged to delete them from your email.</p>
8.	<p>Other business?</p> <p>Signing authority for Trish Shaffrey</p> <p>Outreach team meeting</p> <p>Charlene Frey auction.</p> <p>New Growth Initiative grants</p> <p>Men's group.</p> <p>Episocopal Lutheran Women's group</p>	<p>A motion was approved for Trish Shaffrey, Assistant Treasurer, to have check signing authority for and on behalf of The Church of Our Saviour. The bank will receive a copy of these minutes to confirm, and to ensure Trish is an authorized signatory of this Parish. Nansen/Hannan/passed.</p> <p>Howard Waltz updated the Vestry on the Outreach team meeting including the proposal that the men's group sell hot dogs/hamburgers at the annual rummage sale.</p> <p>The vestry were strongly encouraged to support the Charlene Frey auction by showing up, helping, and donating quality items for the silent and live auction.</p> <p>Pastor Susan+ passed out a letter from Canon Timothy Dombek+ regarding new growth initiative grants. The letter was also forwarded to the dream team. The deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>, but per the additional information received from Timothy and shared with vestry by email on April 16<sup>th</sup> that may be extended for late proposals.</p> <p>The men's group will be cleaning out Wiley hall on April 18<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Jean Zagar reported that the women wish to re-start the ELCW group at COS. The vestry encouraged same. Jean advised that Winnie Follet will be invited to COS soon.</p>
9.	Closing prayer.	Jerry Nansen led the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Zagar, in the absence of Vicki Howell, Clerk of the Vestry.

NEXT VESTRY MEETING [MAY 20, 2009](#) at 7:00 P.M.-

### **Follow Up for May Vestry Meeting:**

Pastor Susan+: Report on background check for proposed new treasurer, Sharon Dalrymple.

Junior Warden / Jerry Nansen: Completion of culverts and parking connection.

Chuck Hannan: Report on finding free health care in this area.