

# The Church of Our Saviour

## *Practicing God's Graciousness*

### Vestry Meeting Minutes: August 31, 2011

**Attendees:** Pastor Susan<sup>+</sup>, Trish Shaffery, Dennis Irwin, Dick Hileman, Sandra Rasmussen, Carol Risch, and Brenda Roubal.

| Item   | Action Item / Notes   |
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| Opening prayers & reflection   | The meeting was opened at 6:30pm with prayer and a reflection on giving from 2 Corinthians.   |
| Approval of minutes from the July mtg.   | A motion was made to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Hileman/Risch – passed.   |
| Treasurers' report   | Shaffery presented the Treasurers' report as of July 31, 2011. Cash flow continues to be a challenge. \$7,000 has been set aside for the outreach pass through. All other designated fund disbursements are current. Overall, we are \$8,000 in the red because of reduced income levels (pledge and plate).  |
| Warden reports   | Irwin is organizing the repair of the 'mechanical' shed. Rectory will receive a new garage door opener in September. We will be putting the alteration/refurbishment of Polycarp Hall out to bid. Susan <sup>+</sup> to provide contact information for one contractor to Dennis. The Mary Stotera garden is almost finished, although the sprinkler system still needs work to ensure that the whole yard (front and back) is receiving adequate water. No report from the sr. warden.   |
| Pastor's report<br>- Pledge cards<br>- Baptism Sep 4<br>- EFSP board<br>- Outreach team meeting Sep 25<br>- Pledge Sunday Sep 18<br>Chaplain Sholtes visit Sep 18<br>End of summer potluck<br><br>Aug in review:<br>- Rummage sale thanks<br>- Mid-year parish meeting & potluck<br><br>Upcoming events to note:<br>- Newsletter deadline 9-23-11<br>- Children's Service 9-4-11<br>- Next vestry meeting Sep 28 <sup>th</sup> | Pledge cards have been mailed. The Sep newsletter contained a detailed update from the Treasurers as to where the parish stands financially and the reasons for our current cash flow issue. All vestry members are encouraged to share financial and all other parish information with members of the parish, to answer parishioner questions, or to refer them to the pastor as appropriate. Please note it is the responsibility of everyone on vestry to complete a pledge card – noting that pledges reflect our giving back from our resources, which of course reflects our individual situations.<br><br>The baptism scheduled for Sep 4 has been postponed due to a family crisis.<br><br>Susan+ is now on the board for the Emergency Food & Shelter Program, which is a government funded (formerly FEMA) program to provide food and shelter in our area.<br><br>The Outreach team meeting at which outreach monies will be disbursed will be after the 10am service on Sunday, September 25 <sup>th</sup> .<br><br>September 18 <sup>th</sup> is pledge Sunday – pledge cards are due back. We also welcome Chaplain Sholtes from Afghanistan, who will share a slide show and thank this parish for all their support of the troops. This is also the end of summer potluck celebrating all members of the parish.<br><br>The rummage sale was a great success – many thanks to all who participated in any way in this ministry. The blessings impact us all, extend widely into the broader community, and continue as we disburse the funds to other charitable organizations.<br><br>Susan+ expressed deep disappointment at the very poor attendance for the mid-year meeting. The information presented/shared is too important to limit the audience, and so Susan <sup>+</sup> is serializing her presentation in the newsletter – beginning in the September newsletter that is already available. |

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|                     | Note the dates shown left. Next vestry meeting is scheduled for <b>September 28<sup>th</sup></b> . Any change will be advised. |
| Any other business? | Susan+ invited questions or comments. No other business was presented.   |
| Closing prayer      | The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm with closing prayers from the BCP.   |