

Fork Church Vestry Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2014

Those Present:

Rick Alderman	Paul Newell
Michael Woods	John Rickman
Jennifer Smith	Scott Smythe
Tony Droppleman	Ruth Partlow
Bob Partlow	Mac Chenault
Jim Smythe	Lindsey Ryland
Jesse Gordon	Faye Joy
Mazie Florence	Kemp Norman

Absent: Andie Warfield

1. This special meeting opened was opened with a prayer.
2. Jesse Gordon updated us that the Search Committee has elected him as the new Search Committee Chair.
3. Lindsey Ryland had been asked to this special meeting to discuss ways to possibly attract additional candidates for consideration. Additionally she was asked to help identify areas that we might help us with that regard.
4. Bob commented and asked probing questions
 - a. We don't know who we are.
 - b. Name Fork Church's core values.
 - c. What is Fork Church's Vision and Mission?
 - d. Fork is strong on pastoral care and strong on youth and children.
 - e. What do we offer?
 - f. What do we value?
 - g. What areas do we need leadership on?
5. Several areas of concern where mentioned by Lindsey. We are not clear if we are seeking a full time or part time rector. Seeking a Priest in Charge might deter candidates if there is not guarantee of employment after 18 months. We state that we want a rector to help form our mission and vision. Shouldn't we know what that is? Level of compensation might be a concern. Do we need to involve the entire congregation in an envisioning process?
6. The Dioceses has a number of resources what we could call on
 - a. Bev Buston could assist with the development of a Vision and Mission Statement.
 - b. Website site assistance could come from Emily Cherry
 - c. Stewardship assistance from Julie Somonington

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7. Lindsey suggested we consider that the average rector stays 5 to 7 years with a parish.
8. We should identify a departure date for Bob and Ruth to help drive our search to conclusion
9. Actions to be undertaken
 - a. Vestry to look at compensation
 - b. Vestry to look at full verses part time
 - c. Vestry to look at the calling, Priest in Charge verses Rector
 - d. Vestry to look at Parish Profile and revise as needed
 - e. Search Committee to look at if a consultant is needed to continue moving forward
 - f. Website to be address by church secretary with help from Bob and Ruth
10. Special vestry meeting was schedule for June 11 to address action items from this meeting.
11. Closing Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Newell