

Calvary Episcopal Church  
Vestry Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2009  
Emison Room

**Vestry Present:** James Aldinger, David Balling, Sharon Bailey, Allison Cates, John Frazer, Mary Ann Ford, Michelle Fulmer, Len Grice, Bill Henry, Jeff Kitterman, Andy Mathes, , Gayle Spence, Ginny Strubing, Lee Wakeman, Beebe Woodside

**Vestry Absent:** Mark Johnson, Beau Snowden

**Others Present:** Andy Macbeth, Cap Pinkham, Peg Wahl, Harriet McFadden

**Opening Prayer:** Ginny Strubing

**Housekeeping:** Andy MacBeth

- Dinner will be available before the meetings
- If you want to be on the agenda email or call a member of the warden's committee prior to their meeting which is held 1 week before the vestry meeting
- Traditions: Light a candle, pass a cross around the table throughout the meeting, call the meeting to order with the Tom Parrish memorial gavel

**Bible Study:** John 1:43

**Minutes:** The minutes of the December vestry meeting, the Annual Parish Meeting, and the January 11<sup>th</sup> vestry meeting were approved.

**At Large Warden's Committee nominees:** Mary Ann Ford and Michelle Fulmer were nominated to continue as At Large members of the warden's committee. They were elected unanimously by the members present.

**Proposal for Calvary Medal:** A written proposal was given to the vestry with a recommendation for the Calvary medal of honor. An outline of the criteria for awarding the medal will be in the vestry notebook. The vestry will review the proposal and the criteria and vote at the next vestry meeting.

**Capital Campaign Update:** Harriet McFadden

Harriet reported that it has been difficult to get both callers and pledges. At the present time there are only 23 callers but 340 pledging units still to be visited. 219 of these units have not been assigned. Callers have been asked to complete their visits by the end of February. The committee will pick a date for the end of the campaign. Harriet reports that it has been rewarding to talk to parishioners and that they are very enthusiastic about the campaign's goals, but many are uncertain about their ability to pledge at the present time. With 43 pledges in, the campaign has raised \$948,802. Harriet asked the vestry to be thinking about how to proceed with the campaign. Andy and Charles Shipp will meet to discuss options of what work needs to be done and obtain current estimates of costs for that work. John Frazer suggested that the vestry should consider recommending to the capital campaign committee that in light of the current financial crisis we postpone the campaign and roll it back out with renewed enthusiasm when the economic situation is more stable. Several members spoke in favor of this suggestion, noting the drastic downturn in the economy since the campaign was begun. It was pointed out that in these circumstances, the amount raised will likely be considerably below the amount originally targeted, and paid in over the course of three or more years. It was also noted that we will not be able to go back to parishioners to raise money for work remaining to be done for at least three years. Some were reluctant to end the campaign, but all agreed that this project was the right thing to do, but that the timing was unfortunate.

A motion was duly made, seconded, and approved by voice vote that the capital campaign be postponed, with plans to mount the campaign again at a later date.

**Annual Giving Update:** Andy Mathes reported that with 129 units pledging, the annual giving campaign has pledges of \$1,371,000. Announcements will be made during church services over the next few weeks encouraging parishioners to make pledge commitments and calls will continue to be made. Though many people have been slow to return pledge cards they have shown an incredible commitment and enthusiasm for Calvary Church.

**Finance Report:** Due to Ricky Fortin's continued illness, Peg Wahl has no new information since the December report to the vestry.

**Vestry Meeting Schedule:** Vestry members received a copy of the scheduled vestry meeting in their vestry packet.

**Vestry Structure and Deployment:** Andy distributed a preliminary list of vestry responsibilities for 2009. If there are additions or changes to the list please contact Andy.

**Rector's Report:**

- Vestry Retreat: February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. If you want a single room let Robyn know. Friday night will be spent in group building activities and Saturday working on strategic planning and vestry deployment.
- Bonnie and Andy have been working with Kathy Carmean on professional development. Many thanks to Kathy for her time and expertise.
- Gene Robinson's visit for the Lenten Preaching series has generated some excitement. The overall feedback about the line-up for Lent has been very positive.
- This will be a transition year for Waffle Shop since both Jane Barton and Shirley Browne will retire after this year. There will be some changes in the operation of the kitchen.
- The community breakfast is experiencing some cost issues since the number of breakfasts served has gone up.
- Andy plans to meet with 11:15 worshippers over the next few weeks to develop a vision for that service.

**New or Old Business:** none

No need for Good of the Order or executive Session

The vestry meeting was adjourned.

**Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation of Calvary Episcopal Church**

The meeting was called to order. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to elect Bill Henry as president and Gayle Spence as secretary of the corporation.

The meeting of the corporation was adjourned.

**Closing prayer:** Andy Macbeth

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Spence  
Clerk