

Calvary Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2009 6PM
Emison Room

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

Vestry Absent: Sharon Bailey, John Frazer, Len Grice, Mark Johnson, Beau Snowden

Others Present: Andy MacBeth

Opening Prayer: Lee Wakeman

Bible Study: Andy MacBeth based a brief bible study on the lesson assigned for the Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury: The gospel of Luke Chapter 5.

Minutes: The minutes of the April vestry meeting were approved with 1 correction.

Treasurer's Report: Vestry members had a copy of Calvary's financial statement for the month of April. No actual to budget comparison report was available for vestry review. Bill Henry had spoken with Ricky Fortin who expressed no particular concerns about the April financial statement.

Discernment Recommendations: Andy MacBeth presented 4 names of nomination for ordination. Marshall Evans has graduated from Harvard Divinity School and would like to become a postulate for Holy Orders. Martin Jellinik has completed the discernment process with a group of Calvary members and is ready to begin the procedure to become a deacon. Kell Christie-Gary has completed the evaluation with her discernment committee. Hester Mathis has asked to begin the process for discernment. A resolution was made by MaryAnn Ford and seconded by Ginny Strubing to recommend these names to the Bishop and Nomination for Ordination forms were signed by the vestry for each of them.

John Frazer Departure: John Frazer's move to Atlanta will create a vacancy on the vestry for the remainder of this year and next year. Since a vote was taken at the 2008 annual meeting to reduce the vestry to 15 members by electing 5 each year, Michelle Fulmer proposed that we leave John's seat vacant which would reduce the vestry to 16 members for the remainder of 2009 and next year's election would bring us to the goal of 15 members. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Building Maintenance Report: Michelle Fulmer reported that Charles Shipp is in the process of getting bids for the repair work that has been proposed. We still owe Terry Eason some money for earlier work that he completed. The building maintenance committee and the finance committee hope to be able to have a full report for the vestry at the June vestry meeting.

Clergy Staff Discussion: Andy MacBeth initiated a discussion about personnel matters. An HR committee has been formed consisting of: Allison Cates, Meg Crosby, Chip Westbrook, and Gabriella Peters-Cuellar to work with the Rector in developing the expectations of a stronger, better balanced clergy staff.

Rector's Report:

- There have been an inordinate number of recent births and deaths in the congregation, creating a very difficult time for the staff particularly with George on sabbatical.
- The education and youth departments are moving forward under Heather's direction.
- Carrington Wise has started as director of the children's choir.
- A parish retreat is scheduled @ Camp McDowell in Alabama for the 1st week-end in October.
- Thanks to the stewardship committee. Bailey and Katy Leopard will lead this committee next year with plans for a different type of campaign.
- 11:15 service - There has been a wide range of responses to the 11:15 service experiment. There may be some subtle changes in that service next year based on the responses to the survey.
- Comment on the level of compassion exhibited by the people of the parish
- Andy will attend the General Convention though not as a delegate. Discussion of same sex blessings and ordination of openly gay priests is expected to be part of the agenda.
- St. John's in Montgomery, AL has just completed a capital campaign accomplishing many of the goals that Calvary was considering.

New/Old Business

Vestry Mailbox

Good of the Order: Bill Henry thanked Andy for the positive and very informative State of the Parish address. Responses from the congregation were very favorable.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Spence
Clerk