

Calvary Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2009
Emison Room

Vestry Present: Allison Cates, Michelle Fulmer, Bill Henry, Mark Johnson, Jeff Kitterman, Andy Mathes, Gayle Spence, Ginny Strubing, Lee Wakeman, BeebeWoodside

Vestry Absent: James Aldinger, Sharon Bailey, David Balling, Mary Ann Ford, Len Grice, Beau Snowden

Others Present: Andy MacBeth, Heather Anderson, Peg Wahl

Opening Prayer: Beebe Woodside

Bible Study: Andy MacBeth – Mark 10:35

Minutes: Minutes of the September 15, 2009 vestry meeting were approved as written.

Children and Youth: Heather Anderson was invited to report to the vestry about the work being done in our Youth and Family Ministry. Heather, George Yandell, and Ellen Coleman are working together developing long range plans as we go forward with this vital ministry. Godly Play is still in need of 4-5 more teachers, though there are some teachers for every class. The Wednesday night program is growing under the leadership of Carrington Wise for the Children's Choir. The teen-agers are involved in a cooperative program with Holy Communion where 30-60 youth meet together regularly. They are involved in writing their own liturgy. Journey to Adulthood is reinvigorated for both Sunday mornings and evenings. Calvary youth represent one of the top 2 churches in the diocese in participation at Diocesan Youth events. A new Genesis program has been started for the 6th and 7th graders.

There remain concerns about what to do with children from 3rd grade up on Wednesday evenings. Many families are saying that their children in that age group cannot be involved on a week night. They hope to have a program in place for this group by next year that includes art and drama with the music.

Treasurer's Report: Peg Wahl – Pledge receipts continue to be behind budget but are tracking historically. The over-all Actual to Budget comparison shows an overall net loss of \$47,859 for the year.

The line of credit from 1st TN should close soon, and we expect to draw \$300K which we will start paying down with prepaid pledges. Bill Henry requested that the monthly report include a summary of the line of credit activity.

The auditors are completing their annual review and will report to the budget and finance committee. The committee will meet next month to begin work on next year's budget. They hope to pick a few areas to approach as a "bottom up" budget. The vestry will start looking at the budget at the November meeting.

The construction work has not yet been billed so that cost is not reflected in this month's report. Money for the restoration work on the east window was allocated from the memorials committee.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the treasurer's report.

Ministry Group Reports: See attached reports from Faith Formation, Community Service, Parish Life, Worship and Music, and Evangelism Ministry Groups.

Associate Rector Search: This committee is actively meeting and has created a “portrait” of the candidate for a report to be sent to the National Church for distribution. They would like to be able to start interviewing candidates in December.

Rector’s Report:

- The parish retreat was a great success. – The committee is considering this as an every other year event.
- ECW meeting had over 100 people in the Great hall for dinner and a speaker
- Vestry nominations – The nominating committee will meet Friday @ 8A and are open for ideas.
- Calvary and the Arts has started the season with Kallen Esperian.
- The Aids Healing service will be this Sunday night with Craig Strickland from Hope Presbyterian as preacher.
- Bishop Jane Dixon will visit Calvary on November 1st for a few Confirmations and several Baptisms.
- Building Renovations are almost completed.
- Work on the east stained glass window is underway.
- Andy is leaving for Oregon on Sunday for a week of visiting parishes in that diocese and then will go to Florida for a family wedding.
- Administrative Assistant – Still interviewing
- Annual Giving campaign is moving forward slowly.
- 11:15 attendance has picked up, showing growth for the first time in many years. Attendance at the 9:00 service has been down for several weeks.

Vestry Mailbox: 1 item

New and Old Business: There was continued discussion about if it would be helpful to have a vestry member present at the desk by the entrance from the alley on Sunday mornings, but no plans were made.

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Executive Session

Closing Prayer: Andy MacBeth

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Spence, Clerk