

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting, September 16, 2007

Fr. Clements called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with a prayer. Present were Fr. Clements, Linda Lloyd, Alexis Dorf, Martha Baer, Geoff Brown, Tom Schindler, Mary Ann Carley, Roy Bickley, and Cheryl Duntz. Absent were Jim Conzo and Martha Nesbitt.

Linda Lloyd moved that the minutes of the August vestry meeting be approved as circulated. Roy Bickley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Reports:

--Treasurer: The Treasurer's Report was distributed in paper form due to Martha Nesbitt's absence. It was noted that the source of the \$5000 attributed to the general endowment was actually the Harwood Fund. It was also noted that the ECW revenues need to be on one line to facilitate year-to-year comparison. Noting those two corrections, Alexis moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, and Martha Baer seconded. The report was accepted subject to the identified corrections.

--Wardens: Alexis reported for the Wardens. She noted that Lynn Gaffney will present the first series of Robertson Alford lectures this year, and that they will include the "Green is the new red, white and blue" DVD. She noted that the first "dinner and a movie" evening of the year will be October 19, and that more people willing to bring main courses is required for the dinner. Cheryl recommended that the program include a cartoon for small children, and this suggestion was received with general approbation by the Vestry. Finally, Alexis noted that EFM is now underway with seven students enrolled.

--Buildings & Grounds: Geoff reported that the unsightly "butt can" outside Walker Hall has now been replaced with a more attractive flower pot. He also noted that Judy is ready to begin insulating the Rectory.

Continuing Business:

- Art Show results: Linda Lloyd presented the results of the Art Show, which netted approximately \$4700. Noting that next year will be the 25th anniversary of the Art Show, she expressed the hope that we would be able to publicize it better and make it even more successful.
- Nursery care: The Vestry discussed our seeming inability to locate someone to supervise the nursery on Sunday mornings. Several possibilities were mentioned, including asking some of the parents of younger children if any of their friends have babysitters who might want to earn some extra money on Sunday mornings.
- New sign: Alexis reported that the new sign is on order and next steps are awaiting issuance of the building permit.

- Volunteer office staffing: Fr. Clements noted that Tuesdays from 10 – 1 is the only time slot for which coverage is currently needed. Geoff will announce this need in the Trinity Update this week.

New Business:

Under new business, Fr. Clements discussed possible adjustments to the timing of the Christmas services. Many felt that the Christmas Pageant might better be presented at the 10:30 AM service on 4 Advent, and that the main Christmas Eve service be held earlier, perhaps at 7 PM or even earlier. Fr. Clements noted that it appears necessary to continue to hold a “midnight Mass” on Christmas eve due to community expectations.

Vicar’s Report: Fr. Clements advised the Vestry that he is considering using form E of Rite II, for which there is liturgical music available. He thanked the choir for appearing for Fr. Howden’s funeral, noting that the Bishop was impressed that we had mustered a choir on a weekday. He asked that the Clerk send thanks to Jane Canfield for organizing the Emergency Services Sunday, and condolences to Valerie Howden.

Next meeting of the Vestry: The next meeting of the Vestry will be October 21.

Fr. Clements closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey Brown
Clerk of the Vestry