

**Galilee Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2008**

The regularly scheduled Vestry meeting was called to order by Hugh Patterson in Tucker Hall at 7:00 p.m. Those present included: Hugh Patterson, Tim Robertson, Buzz Gallien, Kay Scarborough, Pam Everett, Rusty Roller, Mel Sautter, Jaime Rawles, Page Lea, Lucy Lee and Jim McCaa. Also present by invitation of the Vestry: Rev. Jay Magness, Rev. Kathleen Bobbitt, Tom Duffey and Ross Byrd. Buzz Gallien opened the meeting with prayer.

The Vestry welcomed Ross Byrd who currently serves as Galilee's Director of High School Ministries. Ross indicated that the senior high ministries program was going well with about thirty young men and women who attended various activities on a regular basis. The middle school program is struggling with fewer regular attendees. He indicated that a full time middle school director was badly needed. Ross then distributed a sheet which outlined the duties and responsibilities of a middle school director with estimates of compensation needed to hire such a person for the Fall of 2008. The Vestry reviewed this program with Ross and gave its approval for Ross to be looking for a person to fill the middle school director position. Ross and Hannah Byrd have done much to keep the high school program on track during difficult times this past year. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

The minutes of the Vestry meeting held on January 15, 2008, were reviewed and approved.

The Vestry next reviewed the report of the Finance Committee. Page Lea indicated that \$790,400.00 has been pledged to date by 249 pledging families. These figures are close to those used in preparing this year's annual budget. Total revenue for January of 2008 amounted to \$126,000.00 and was offset by expenses of \$143,000.00. This loss of \$17,000 for the month of January is about half of the \$34,000 loss projected in the annual budget. Page indicated that we would continue to adjust Galilee's budget as the year progresses and we have a better grasp on projected church revenues for 2008.

Jay Magness next presented his interim Rector's Report. A copy of that report is attached to these minutes and outlines the topics covered by him. His proposal for a change in worship times encouraged some discussion. It was determined that the early service will continue to begin at 7:45 a.m., the contemporary worship service will now begin at 9:00 a.m. (as opposed to 9:15 a.m.) and the late service will now begin at 11:15 a.m. (as opposed to 11:00 a.m.). This slight change in schedule will free up 50 minutes from 10:20 to 11:10 a.m. as a time for Christian education for persons of all ages. It is hoped that more participation in Christian education will take place as a result of these changes in the worship schedule.

Hugh Patterson next reported on several issues of interest to the Vestry. He indicated that Galilee's resolution presented at Diocesan Council calling for the Diocese of Southern Virginia to affirm its support of the Windsor Report had been narrowly defeated. However, he felt that substantial support for this resolution might well appear at a later date if such a vote were needed to remain in the Anglican Communion. There may come a time when such a vote is critical. He also commented on the Vestry's meeting on February 11 with the Rev. Richard Bridgeford, as

Galilee's search consultant. The Vestry's next meeting with Mr. Bridgeford will take place on March 18 when it begins to discuss candidates for the Search Committee. He reminded the Vestry that the Vestry retreat would take place at Upper Brandon on Friday and Saturday (April 11 and 12) with one night away. Hopefully, all members of the current Vestry and its newly elected members will be able to attend.

The members of the Nominating Committee reviewed the twelve candidates nominated for Vestry elections on April 4. They include: Page Lea, Lucy Lee, Anne Overman, Shelby Balderson, Pat Proulx, Debbie Brady, Jim Fisher, Don Akridge, Walt Spearman, Jerry Kent, Clay Everett and Jane Denman.

It was noted that Archbishop Mtetemela who is the Archbishop of Tanzania and one of the 38 primates of the worldwide Anglican Communion will visit Galilee on April 13 where he will preach at all three services. Buzz Gallien is coordinating his schedule in Virginia Beach throughout that weekend. A reception is planned after each service and it is hoped that all members of the parish will have a chance to meet the Archbishop and hear from him about the state of the church in his country, and the current status of St. John's University in Tanzania.

The next meeting of the Vestry will take place on March 25, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Buzz Gallien
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