

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

June 17, 2010

PRESENT: Claire Brown, Tom Cragg, David Jackson, John Leney, Eileen MacDonald, Marilyn Shahly, Jan Weir, Ben Wilbert

PRESENT VIA AT &T: Susan Diehl

NOT PRESENT: David Chivas, Oliver Coleman, George Ellenwood, Seth Lloyd, Kevin Maher, Aretha Marshall, The Rev. John Talk

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 22, 2010

Supper: David Chivas

Committees to report: Membership, Outreach, Technology

John Leney called the meeting to order at 6:35 and led us in the Lord's Prayer.

MINUTES: The minutes were accepted as distributed.

ELECTION OF DIOCESAN DELEGATES: It was moved at seconded that Lucinda Keils, Josephine Powell and Aretha Marshall serve as delegates to the Diocesan Convention on October 22 and 23 and that Sue Webb and Tom Cragg be elected as alternates. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report was available at the time of the meeting but will be e-mailed to vestry members when completed.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

1. Within the past two weeks the area experienced extended downpours for two consecutive nights resulting in water in some of the Sunday School rooms and hallways. We will monitor the situation to see if this condition was a result of some structural defect or just the effect of the amount of rain at one time.
2. Bids have been received from Pomaville and Detroit Cornice and Slate outlining their estimations of need roof repairs. Since these bids do not agree on the scope of work that needs to be done, a committee was formed to determine the needed repairs and obtain competitive bids for based on the same scope of service. Members of the committee are: John Leney, Tom Cragg, Oliver Coleman and Ben Wilbert. They may call upon our construction gurus, Steve Berlage and Steve Hughes to lend their expertise in completing this task.
3. Terry Lloyd has agreed to spearhead an ad hoc committee to address the repairs and financing of same needed for the façade of Sibley House.
4. Pervis and Foster submitted a bid today for the re-tubing of the boilers. Weekly maintenance has not been maintained since they were last retubed in 2006. Bid was referred to Jim Fleming for advice.

VESTRY OPERATIONS

Since the last meeting John Leney, Susan Diehl, John Talk, and Tom Cragg met by phone to discuss and synthesize all previous discussion re: vestry operations. The following proposals are submitted for discussion and will be voted up or down on or before the next vestry meeting:

1. Conduct an assessment of the committees now in place and determine the need or effectiveness of same.

2. Create a commission composed of vestry members and others to be responsible for Buildings and Grounds.
3. Require Commissions and committees presenting information or actions for approval to submit same prior to the vestry meeting.
4. Convene a parish council meeting for all committees two or three times a year starting in September.

Immediate discussion on the above included the following:

- A working committee should be set up to determine the agenda for the parish council meetings
- Susan will prepare an e-mail for broadcast to vestry members re: above proposals
- Vestry members should determine their willingness to serve on the Buildings and Grounds Commission before the next meeting

In an effort to spend more time on long-range planning and visioning for the congregation, the book Radical Hospitality has been purchased for the vestry. This book will form the basis of discussion as we look into the future. Cn. Lisa Grey may be able to lead the discussion on some of the modules and we might consider bringing the author in to facilitate a congregational discussion. Vestry members should read the Introduction before the next meeting on July 22, 2010. Vestry members may wish to reimburse the church for the book in the amount of \$12.00.

During John's absence members in need of clergy contact should call the office, Susan Diehl or John Leney. They will either call John or Scott Hunter who is back in town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports available for this meeting. Those scheduled for reports in July are listed above. Vestry asked how the redevelopment of the Shepherds is coming and whether it will be feasible to record sermons and put them on the internet.

FYI

- The Rev. Glen Plummer, a candidate for Congress is scheduled to come between services on July 4, 2010. Rep. Kilpatrick and Sen. Clark have been invited also but have not responded to date.
- The Reconstructionist Congregation will hold their annual meeting here on June 27, 2010 at 12:30 pm. It was suggested that they meet in Cary Lounge instead of Ledyard Hall since it is small group and the lounge is air-conditioned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet B. Weir
Secretary