

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST 2009

The Rev. John Talk opened the meeting with prayer.

Tom Cragg presented the financial report. Revenues are down from last year. Expenses are down as well, by about \$40,000, which is what we've been showing all year.

Recently after a heavy rainfall, there was a leak in the roof over Ledyard Hall. It was repaired at a cost of \$900.

The Bishop will be visiting Christ Church at Pentecost 2010, which is May 23rd. He will want to visit with the Vestry at that time, possibly after the service.

Three delegates are needed for Diocesan Convention. Oliver Coleman, Sue Barber, Josephine Powell and Lucinda Keils (alternate) were selected.

A motion was made to award a contract to Janiking Cleaning to clean the church. The contract will be for three days per week, with one of the days being Saturday, if possible. The cost of the contract will not exceed \$2000 per month. The motion passed.

A motion was made to authorize The Rev. John Talk to hire someone to take care of Sunday morning duties at the church. The rate of pay will be \$10.00 per hour. Eight hours per week are authorized, six on Sunday, and two hours during the week, if necessary. The motion passed.

A motion was made to hire a nursery attendant at a rate of \$10.00 per hour for 4 hours on Sundays beginning September 13, 2009. The motion passed.

John Leney received input from Vestry members on committee liaison assignments. John will send a new listing to Vestry members for review and any additional changes. The Lectors, LEMs, Greeters, Ushers and Music Program will all work under the auspices of the Worship Committee.

David Coleman is coordinating the installation of the new chancel globes. Nothing further to report at this time. There is no additional information on the retaining wall.

Theresa Zajac talked to Bob Lane and Ben Starkey regarding the Jefferson Street Courtyard. They plan to meet with the former contractors to discuss options. There is a strong desire to pull something together before the year is out, but drainage must be improved before sod is put down. It is possible that the cost to fix the drainage problem could be \$8,000. John Talk mentioned that he wants to move the cyclone fence this month. Several Vestry members volunteered to help him with the move.

The Celebration of Ministry and Welcoming of a New Rector Service will be held on September 16, 2009, at 7 p.m. and will include the choir. We will be looking for parishioners to volunteer to give rides to people who might have a hard time getting to the service.

Genet Barthwell volunteered to handle the reception after the service. It is expected that 150 to 200 people will attend. A motion was made to allocate \$1800 to cover the costs of the reception. The motion passed.

A motion was made to have offerings collected that evening go to The Rector's Discretionary Fund. The motion passed.

Eileen MacDonald asked for an agenda item next month to discuss the Green Eyeshade and Rose Colored Glasses approach to budgeting which Tom handed out last month. It was decided to call a special meeting to discuss this item on Tuesday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m. Unless we hear otherwise from John, the meeting will be at the church.

The Rev. John Talk closed the meeting with prayer.