

St. Luke's Episcopal Church 2008 Vestry Retreat Minutes

January 25 and 26, 2008

Attendees: Phoebe Davoli, Laura Thomas, Alva Stuard, Larry White, John McKenzie, Father Koehler, Deacon Wiggins, Jan Cassidy, Brookie Allphin-Smith, Allen Bodron, Ian Hipwell, Mary Saporito, Laura East and David Stockinger

Friday, January 25, 2008

Evening Prayer was led by Father Koehler

The vestry unanimously accepted the motion for the two positions on the Foundations Board being filled. Dennis Edmon is replacing Alva Stuard. Wanda Allphin is replacing Bishop Pope and Phoebe Davoli is replacing Wanda Allphin.

The Diocesan Convention is being held on Friday, February 29 and Saturday March 1. Delegates will be Jan Cassidy, Dennis Edmon, Ian Hipwell, Alva Stuard, Mary Saporito, David McKey, Dan Faulk and another previous Senior Warden. David Pitts will replace Jan Cassidy if she is unable to attend.

Conflict of Interest – Ian Hipwell and Allen Bodron's spouses are employed by St. Luke's Day School. Phoebe and Chuck Davoli are both voting members of the Foundation Board.

Father Koehler asked that the Vestry consider a couple of options regarding housing for Father Gleason and his family. One option is for St. Luke's to purchase a home to be used as Associate Rector housing. Another option would be to establish a sharing equity arrangement. Father Koehler and Alva Stuard are going to investigate and report back to the Vestry at the February meeting.

The vestry meeting will continue to be held on the fourth Thursday of each month. The meetings will begin at 5:15. The vestry members are encouraged to attend evening prayer prior to the meeting.

Phoebe Davoli conducted an overview of St. Luke's Financial System.

Brookie Allphin-Smith led a discussion on the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation.

Father Koehler would like to resurrect the Executive Committee. This committee would be utilized as a steering committee for capital campaigns.

St. Luke's history books are being given as gifts at the Diocesan convention.

Brookie Allphin-Smith led a discussion on effective communication.

Saturday, January 26, 2008

Father Koehler led Morning Prayer.

Brookie Allphin-Smith led a discussion on the various committees. Vestry members signed up for the different committees as follows:

Finance Committee – Alva Stuard, Father Koehler, Phoebe Davoli, Bob Daigrepoint, Larry White and Mary Saporito

Foundation Board – members have already been established. Alva Stuard, Dennis Edmon, Wanda Allphin, Jim Thompson – Chairman, Chuck Davoli, Mary Saporito, Father Koehler and Dan Faulk are members.

Communications Committee – Brookie Allphin- Smith, Laura East, Laura Thomas, Art Root, Laurie Adams, and Sharon Holeman

Parish Life – David Stockinger, Allen Bodron, Reese Wiggins, Brookie Allphin-Smith, Jan Cassidy, and John McKenzie. Barbara Barnes will be recruited. Reese will focus on education.

Stewardship Committee – Ian Hipwell, Chairman, Father Koehler, Allen Bodron, Alice Sims, and Charles Bradley. Jean Marie and Robert Hinkle will be recruited.

Brookie Allphin-Smith continued to lead a session on strategic planning.

The Parish Life Committee and the Communications Committee broke out to begin discussions on the purpose of their committee.

Parish Life

The Parish Life Committee ascertained that their purpose was to increase participation through fellowship and outreach.

The group decided that this committee had so many functions that it would be more effective if subcommittees were formed.

Suggested subcommittees:

- Education
 - Lecture classes/Bible Study
 - Guest Speakers
- Fellowship

First Sunday
Family Weekend at Robert

50th Anniversary Gala for School
Parish Wide Picnic

Communications Committee

Brookie Allphin-Smith will submit notes from their break out session at the next vestry meeting.

Due to time constraints, the session was ended. Members agreed that it would be beneficial to have additional meetings to finalize decisions.

Vestry members attended a mass said by Father Koehler.

Members went to lunch.

There being no additional business, the retreat was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan B. Cassidy
Secretary