

Calvary Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2012
Emison Room – 6 PM

Vestry Present: Gary Wilson, Rose Johnston, John Pruett, Jerry Stiles, Lucia Crenshaw, Sam Cole, Bob O'Connor, Charles Shipp, Dana Sue Percer, Clay Woemmel, and Hall Gardner.

Vestry Absent: Drew Smith, Desi Franklin, Alex Wise and Brett Norman.

Others Present: Reverend Philip Wiehe, Reverend Ben Robertson, Reverend Eyleen Farmer, Reverend Ellen Roberds, Brenda Johnson, Peg Wahl and James Dowd.

Call to order: Rev. Philip Wiehe called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Opening Prayer/Bible Study: Sam Cole

Rector Search Committee Report: James Dowd reported that the rector search is going well and they are nearing the end of the process. There will be a few site visits in the coming weeks. The intention is to present one candidate. The vestry will get to meet the candidate at an informal event at the home of Lucia Crenshaw on June 13 at 6:00 PM. Bob O'Connor, Robyn Mauldin and Ben Robertson are working on a communication plan to introduce the new rector.

Children and Youth Ministry Report: Rev. Ben Robertson has met with the Children and Youth Committee to develop a mission statement, core values, and strategies for the next three years. The Interim Youth Director job description has been posted and it is hoped to have this position filled by the time Andrew Moore leaves.

Minutes: The April 29, 2012 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report presented by Peg Wahl was approved.

Community Breakfast: Hall Gardner briefed the vestry on the ongoing evaluation of the Community Breakfast expenses. The Community Breakfast costs around \$22,000-\$24,000 annually, approximately \$2.00 per plate. Going green would add an additional \$5000 cost.

Bell Tower Fundraising Report: Gary Wilson reported that no lead gift has been secured, however several large gifts are being cultivated. The Fundraising Committee recommended adding the option of giving to Outreach in fundraising for the bell tower repair. The vestry voted to approve this recommendation. Bob

O'Connor will advise Robyn Mauldin as she will develop and execute a communications program for the bell tower fundraising project.

Bell Tower Report: John Pruett reported that repairs are going well and the project is on schedule with a tentative completion date of July 14, 2012. The contractor is working up an estimate of costs to do additional cosmetic work to restore the cross shaped tiles on the circle faces on the tower.

Interim Music Director Search Report: Sam Cole reported there are currently three finalists and a recommendation will be made to Rev. Philip Wiehe. Skype interview sessions have been invaluable in this process.

Interim Rector's Report: Rev. Eyleen Farmer reported that the line up for the Lenten Preaching Series for 2013 is almost complete. The vestry concurred with the recommendation from Phyllis Tickle and Dan Matthews to invite the Imam from New York to be a LPS speaker. Bob O'Connor requested better PR for the LPS. Rev. Philip Wiehe reviewed personnel changes. Kevin van Cleef is leaving. Bill Webster is in charge of the physical plant. Mary O'Brien is in charge of the kitchen. Bill has the authority to make monetary decisions under \$5000, over that amount goes to the Building and Grounds Committee. Some work may be outsourced. The evaluation of ministry groups will be done by August with vestry members being responsible for their respective ministry areas. This information will then go to the Budget and Finance Committee. Security at the church is a priority. Former vestry member Mark Johnson's data will be used to select and install a security system. Rev. Philip Wiehe discussed the importance of ministries being sustainable, especially our Gifts to the City. The Lenten Preaching Series needs to look into ways to generate income. The Jones family will not fund Calvary and the Arts next year. Rev. Philip Wiehe has been asked to bless the covenant relationship between parishioners, Terri Purvis and Betty Jo Delaney. Bishop Johnson said "no" as this issue is coming up at the Episcopal General Convention this July. The vestry passed the following resolution: The Vestry passes along support, respect and love to this couple, Terri and Betty Jo, as they go through this time of waiting for the Blessing of their Relationship.

Senior Warden's Report: Gary Wilson reminded the vestry of gathering to meet the rector candidate on June 13 at 6:00 at Lucia Crenshaw's home. Our next vestry meeting will be on June 19 at 6:00 PM.

New Business: Rose Johnston requested an evaluation of the Icon Exhibit. Saturday, June 23 is the pack up day for the exhibit.

Evaluation: Dinner was good, praise Mary O'Brien.

For the Good of the Order: Charles Shipp requested that the vestry meet with the Endowment Committee to discuss a cap for general endowment funds with the rest going to the maintenance of the church.

Closing Prayer: Sam Cole had the vestry stand and sing the Doxology.

Adjournment: Rev. Philip Wiehe adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucia Crenshaw, Clerk