

Grace Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Special Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, September 23, 2008

- Vestry Present: Carlos Nunez, Michelle Huber, David Jayne, James Krakowski, Jim Moore, and David Willard
- Vestry Absent: Hank Caby, Katie Compton, John Cullinane, Rebecca Harrison, Janet Heyer, and Weezer Weir
- Clergy Present: Rev. John Dunn, Rev. Emily
- Guest: Search Committee Chair Dick Entenmann

Reporting for the Search Committee, Dick Entenmann said that the Committee will meet with Canon Dan Smith on October 9. More than 100 names of clergy are available for consideration. These will be culled and a selection presented to the Search Committee for selection based on criteria developed by the Committee. Finally, two to four names will be presented to the Vestry for choosing a new Rector. This process is expected to take from three to five months.

Those Vestry members present discussed the Parish goals developed by the Search Committee ranking them in terms of priority and determining current progress toward those goals as well as future programs that might be developed once the new Rector is in place.

Much of the discussion centered on changes and additions to worship services. It was determined that a planning group be established that would interact with the Worship Committee.

Junior Warden's Report

James Krakowski presented a chart showing timing and estimated costs of various improvement projects essential to keeping church property in good and attractive order. He suggested that in order to keep costs manageable, many of the projects might be performed by volunteers and/or funded by member donations.

Parish Communications

The problem of keeping parishioners notified of church activities is an ongoing one with no simple or affordable solution. About 50% of people don't bother to read written communications; some do not have access to e-mail; others report they do not receive messages; still others miss or do not hear verbal announcements in church. Mass notification systems like Robophone are expensive. The Vestry continues to explore problems and search for solutions in our communications systems.

Fr. Dunn reported that the Diocese is searching for a clergy person to serve not just as a supply priest but also as priest-in-charge and Parish administrator until a new Rector arrives.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M. with a prayer by Rev. Davis.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Browne, Secretary