

Grace Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Vestry Present: Katie Compton, Jim Davis, Dick Entenmann, Julie Grossman, Rebecca Harrison, Janet Heyer, Michelle Huber, David Jayne, Elizabeth Kaul, Chris Kurth, Denise Miller, David Willard

Vestry Absent: Weezer Weir

Clergy Present: Rev. Emily Davis, Rev. Irene Jones

Guests: Mike Heyer (Treasurer), Steve Henson (Chair, Finance Committee), Ken Logue (Chair, Committee of Chairs), Betty Bowersox (Convention Delegate), Janet Mika (co-Chair 150th Anniversary Committee), Tim Wooldridge (Chair, Personnel Committee).

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Opening prayer was offered by Rev. Irene Jones who called attention to our Baptismal Covenant. Following a reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians concerning spiritual gifts, each person was asked to compare his perceived gifts with a partner. Rev. Jones then reminded us that all are gifted and are called to use our gifts to reaffirm our Baptismal Covenant.

It was moved and seconded to approve the evening's agenda. Passed

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Passed.

Senior Warden Entenmann announced that Ken Logue has agreed to accept chairmanship of the Committee of Chairs.

Janet Mika reported on the progress of the 150th Anniversary Committee. A total of \$5,900 has been raised to help with the planned activities. (Report attached.)

Betty Bowersox reported on the Metro III Convocation Meeting. (Report attached.)

David Willard moved and Denise Miller seconded that proposed changes to the church by-laws be approved. Passed.

David Willard moved and Chris Kurth seconded adoption of the addition to the by-laws as proposed by the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Missouri. (Copy attached.) Passed.

Treasurer's Report. Mike Heyer reported for the month of April, revenues were up slightly while expenses were down significantly compared to our budget. Total revenues for the month came in at \$36,725 (5.7% above budget) while total expenses came in at \$49,162 (25% below budget). Revenue was favorably impacted by higher pledge income while expenses were favorably impacted by lower salaries and benefits due to the rector calling process. For the year, net reserves are \$34,541 which would cover an estimated 2.04

months of budgeted expenses. Year-to-date attendance is up 12.8% through April 30.

Rebecca Harrison moved and Chris Kurth seconded approval of the Treasurer's report. Passed.

David Willard moved and Rebecca Harrison seconded that interest accumulated in the D'Arcy fund (\$1,266) be transferred to Women of Grace for their outreach projects. Passed.

Junior Warden Report – Attached.

Senior Warden Report. Dick Entenmann reported on negotiations with the new Rector regarding salary, housing allowance, vacation time, etc. and it was agreed that any change totaling more than \$5,000 would be subject to approval by the Vestry.

Curate's Report. Rev. Davis reported she is busy working on confirmation and Mission trip. She recently performed a marriage ceremony for a neighbor of Grace.

Priest-in-Transition Report. Rev. Jones reported that the third Sunday service is on hold until the new Rector is on board. The service has been well received but needs review.

Old Business

Denise Miller volunteered to assist Tim Wooldrige on the Personnel Committee.

Michelle Huber reported that she has no volunteers to work on the proposed auction and the matter was tabled for further discussion.

Rebecca Harrison reported that a timetable for preparation of the Greentree Parade float is in progress.

Mike Heyer reported that memorial gifts will continue to go where the donor designates. Undesignated donations will go to the Capital Reserve Fund.

New Business

The Trinity Hot Lunch program is underfunded and will be assisted by Women of Grace as a part of their outreach efforts. In addition, money from the Pentecost Sunday plate collection will be distributed proportionally to the Outreach Committee for its projects.

Rev. Jones reported that in honor of her service to Grace, a parishioner has offered a gift consisting of a tabernacle and perpetual light for the reserved sacrament. David Jayne volunteered to help research an appropriate location for the addition.

Michelle Huber reported that the Lab School sign is ready and will be placed on the Woodlawn Avenue side of the church grounds. The Lab School also would like to extend the playground area and has agreed to pay for additional fencing.

Rev. Davis asked Vestry members to join her in reciting the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Browne, Secretary