

Vestry meeting, October 15, 2007

Present: Senior Warden Marilyn Spence; vestry members Betty Vickers, Kitty Manscill, Jon Dempersmier and Coby Harper; the Rev. Rob Henley; co-treasurers Richard Dalton and Richard Spence; vestry clerk Anna Garber.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

The minutes were approved on a motion by Coby, seconded by Betty.

Senior warden's report: The cost of altar flowers has increased from \$35 to \$40 a week. Lisa Gibson will look into finding another florist.

Committees:

Worship: Betty has completed acolyte training and has ordered new crosses, an alb and cinctures.

Parish life: It was agreed that breakfast on Sunday was a big success. Details of the Pig Roast, set for Saturday, Oct. 20, were discussed. Coby said pre-sales of Fabulous Friday lunches are well up from last year. Marilyn said plans for the trip to Lessons and Carols at Sewanee Dec. 1 are complete.

Publicity: Plans for celebrating the completion of the organ installation were discussed. Rob said he sees two events: the blessing of the organ and a later fundraiser. Marilyn pointed out that though the organ is functional, work still is not finished – more painting and construction remain. The consensus was that because the Christmas season is nearing, the organ-related events should be pushed back until the New Year.

Stewardship and finance: Coby said the “Transformed Living” stewardship program will run from Oct. 28 through Nov. 18, with commitment day Dec. 2. He said the book that accompanies the program is well worth reading. Bulletin inserts are planned for all 6 lessons. He wants the lessons to be offered between the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. Betty pointed out that the Forum group meets at this time, and also has a program they want to finish before Christmas. Coby stressed the need for compromise. Rob will talk individually to some Forum members to see what can be worked out. The Forum group will eventually advise the Vestry on stewardship issues, so there is some commonality of purpose.

Treasurer's report: See attached. Richard S. said the purpose of the Restricted Educational Fund needs clarification. At \$6,300, it is not large enough for a meaningful endowment, but it is not clear what the fund's anonymous donor has in mind. Rob said he will talk to the donor.

Richard reported that he has paid out \$9,591 more than has been received for the organ fund. To date this year, the church's income is \$10,223 below budget. However, pledges are expected to pick up toward year's end. Jon will check on Rob's cell phone bill, since his roaming charge seems high.

The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Coby, seconded by Betty.

New business: Coby described the need to apply for Petty Foundation grants for the organ by the end of the year, and also for a grant toward building a picnic pavilion. Currently the church pays a large amount to rent the Pig Roast tent, and a pavilion would work well for the Pig Roast and also could be rented out to the public. It was decided to ask Deacon Jones for a cost estimate, since plans will be needed before the grant can be applied for. Jon said he will talk to Deacon.

Rob has asked for the week he spent in North Carolina at his mother-in-law's death to be counted as vacation pay. Coby moved that it should be counted as bereavement leave; Betty seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Rob has also asked that if his two weeks of vacation remaining this year can be held over till next year and added to his sabbatical leave. Too much is going on to take his vacation by the end of this year. On a motion by Kitty, seconded by Coby, it was unanimously decided he could postpone the vacation until 2008.

It was decided to send the Rev. Stephen Askew, Canon to the Ordinary, a thank-you note for conducting the Sunday services during Rob's absence. He has said he does not want paying for it.

On a motion by Coby, seconded by Jon, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Garber
Vestry clerk