

## Vestry minutes, Feb. 18, 2008

**Present:** Dr. Roy Nevils, Senior Warden; Vestry members Kitty Manscill, Ed Trenholm, Jon Dempersmier, Susan Fulbright, Jim Rugh; Treasurer, Richard Spence; Vestry Clerk, Anna Garber; and Beverly Jones.

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

Beverly made a presentation to the Vestry concerning the youth program she is running. She has arranged for three pottery classes and asked the church to make the down payment of \$225 toward the cost, with the participants (and donations) funding the rest. Jon moved, seconded by Kitty, that the payment be made; the motion passed.

**Minutes** of both the Jan. 7 meeting and the Grace Point retreat were approved, the first on a motion by Ed, seconded by Susan, and the retreat on a motion by Jon, seconded by Susan. It was noted that Ed Trenholm and Marilynn Spence are responsible for parish life.

An inventory needs to be done by summer. Roy said he would seek guidance from the diocese on how other churches have tackled the job.

Richard noted there are occasions when Fr. Rob Henley cannot be reached by phone. Rob was absent because of illness. Roy said he would discuss the matter with Rob.

**Treasurer's report** (see attached). Richard pointed out that pledges are already below budget. Also, the \$1,300 pledge to fund nursery staff won't be available this year. The vestry agreed that Janet Giordano should be retained. Ed reported that the Rectory refrigerator is leaking and there are no funds in the budget for Rectory maintenance. Kitty moved to accept the treasurer's report; Ed seconded. Then Kitty moved to pay Janet out of the temporary short-term fund; Jon seconded. Both motions passed.

**Old business:** Roy pointed out that the vestry had agreed to invite the input of youth at the meetings, but nothing has been done. The matter was tabled until Betty is consulted and the young folks decide who will represent them.

Jim reported that the Sunday morning forum, tasked with deciding where the church should send its Millennium Development Goals funds, recommends that \$1,500 be sent to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund (ERD). An advantage is that our church can communicate with the projects being funded. Richard said he remembered a vestry decision to keep half the MDG funds in the country; others did not. Kitty pointed out that the Pig Roast proceeds, totaling more than \$1,500, had gone to local non-profits. Susan moved that \$1,500 be sent to ERD, and Ed seconded. The motion was approved.

Liz Petty and Jim have agreed to oversee plans for Rob's sabbatical. Roy said Russ Henley should also be part of the process.

The organ celebration date of April 19 is still tentative. The general feeling was that more than 70 people may attend.

A discussion on which vestry members are responsible for certain church activities followed. The Episcopal Peace Fellowship prompted the most discussion. Richard said it is not

sponsored by St. Joseph's, but Jim said it is an integral part of the Episcopal Church as a whole, and to say it is not part of this church is not accurate. At Kitty's suggestion, it was decided the senior warden should take responsibility.

Roy said Tom and Delores Carlson want to offer meals to shut-ins. Roy said shut-ins do not get an organized response from St. Joseph's; rather, it is individual members who respond. Jim said the Vestry can delegate others to take responsibility for proposals such as this.

### **Committee reports:**

**Membership:** Susan said she has "a lot of things cooking." She and Roy will talk on the need to educate all church members on welcoming newcomers.

**Worship:** Kitty announced an Altar Guild meeting for March 8.

**Outreach:** Jim said the EPF would like to begin a community garden in the space behind the church, and asked the Vestry to approve it in principle. Ed so moved and Susan seconded the motion, which passed. Jim said the first step is to find out what interest there is locally in the idea, and that more planning is needed.

The proposal for a \$20,000 grant to help pay off loan for the organ is ready to go to the Jane Pettway Foundation.

**Christian Education:** Betty is trying to get more materials for the nursery. She is planning a summer Sunday school, acolyte training, and parties on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

**Junior Warden:** Ed said the sacristy has a new water heater, and the Metcalf Bottoms pavilion is secured for May 18. Roy said Deacon Jones is still checking the source of a leak in the bell tower.

### **New business:**

Roy asked members to read carefully over new materials on the diocese's sexual misconduct policy before next month. He pointed to storage space problems, and asked for the vestry to fund seminarian travel expenses, which were \$449 last year and were paid from the Money Market Fund. He said he is looking at materials on church growth and asked members to consider where we might be weakest. The possibility of offering additional services for target audiences was briefly discussed.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.