

Vestry meeting, May 19, 2008

Present: Senior Warden Roy Nevils; Vestry members Kitty Manscill, Coby Harper, Betty Vickers, Ed Trenholm, Susan Fulbright, Jim Rugh and Jon Dempersmier; co-treasurers Richard Spence and Richard Dalton; Father Rob Henley, and Vestry clerk Anna Garber.

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

The minutes were accepted on a motion by Betty, seconded by Kitty, with the clarification from Rob that he has applied for \$1,000 from the diocese toward his sabbatical, but has not yet received it.

Rob discussed his sabbatical, saying that this will be his first in 30 years. He said some diocese expect priests to study, but Bishop vonRosenberg wants priests to return refreshed. He said he will learn a lot in Peshawar, Pakistan, and thanked the Vestry for their support. Jim, who is accompanying him, will report by Blackberry to Jack McBrayer, who will keep church members updated.

A long discussion followed on possible issues that could arise during Rob's sabbatical. Vestry members detailed what they hope to achieve, and what could happen, in their areas of service. Discussion ranged over many topics, for instance, possible need for repairs at the church, the upcoming Vacation Bible School, recruiting new members and the stewardship program.

Treasurers' report: Richard S. said he had received a letter from the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund thanking the church for its \$1,500 for the Pakistan Relief Fund.

He also has a bill for \$150 for plowing the community garden. He said the Episcopal Peace Fellowship has taken sponsorship of the project and should pay the bill. Rob said the EPF has volunteered to pay. He suggested the Vestry take on the garden next year as part of its outreach to neighboring families who find it hard to make ends meet. On a motion by Coby, seconded by Betty, it was agreed that the Vestry not pay for the plowing. Jim's was the only dissenting vote.

At Richard S's suggestion, it was agreed the subject of altar flowers be revisited since the billing makes it hard to tell how much they cost.

It was noted that the undesignated memorial fund has more than \$3,500 in it. Betty suggested Sue Lillycrop memorial funds should be used for a bench at the columbarium. Rob said memorial funding should come to the church with no strings attached. Roy said the study group should address memorial fund expenditures.

On a motion by Jon, seconded by Kitty, it was decided to honor Ruth Hoglan's request for \$200 toward tuition fees of two Education for Ministry students. Richard D. reported that the spaghetti dinner raised \$904, though some expenses are still to be taken out.

Roy said more than \$9,700 has been spent so far this year from the temporary short-term fund. Richard S. explained that some of that expenditure does not show up in the monthly report. In response to Jim's question, he said those expenditures could be reconstructed.

The report (see attached) was accepted on a motion by Coby, seconded by Betty.

Committee reports:

Junior Warden: Ed reported that a refrigerator has been found for the rectory. The old refrigerator will be moved to the church as a back-up to the one in the parish hall kitchen.

Parish Life: High school graduates will be honored June 1.

Old business: Coby and Richard D. met with Paul Stephens, the Episcopal Church insurance expert, May 1 and went over a proposed policy (see attached handouts). Stephens has proposed three options with different deductibles, all of which cost less than we budgeted. It was decided on a motion by Kitty, seconded by Betty, to go with the \$1,000 deductible option, at a cost of \$4,463.

Paul Stephens has suggested a camcorder inventory of the church for insurance purposes, which it was agreed will be much easier than listing everything on paper.

Roy said he will e-mail suggestions about how to conduct e-mail voting on vestry matters, and asked members to comment on those suggestions.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.