

## **Vestry Retreat of St. Joseph the Carpenter Episcopal Church Saturday, January 18, 2008 at Grace Point.**

After gathering for dinner on Friday night and reading the materials provided by our Sr. Warden, Roy Nevils, the vestry began its official meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. Members attending were vestry members: Roy Nevils, Ed Trentholm, Susan Fulbright, Coby Harper, Jon Dempersmier, Jim Rugh, and Betty Vickers. Treasurers, Richard Spence and Richard Dalton also attended.

We began by reading and discussing Acts 3:1-8. We decided to invite 2 youth representatives to attend the vestry meetings as representatives of this very important age group.

Budget deliberations began at 8:50. The following points were discussed: the budget does not include an amount for "shrinkage" in receipts because we plan to effect a "growth cycle" in 2008; the designated fund for the nursery worker has not been received for this year, but the vestry feels that we need to fund this budget item; note is made in this record that the vestry feels that our priest should receive a pay increase but the clergy funding formula does not make this feasible. Coby made a motion to accept the budget as presented with the addition of a provision to take \$8,000 from the money market fund. After a second by Jon Dempersmier, the motion passed.

The vestry determined to apply to the Pettway Foundation for a grant to pay the balance owed on the organ. Annual maintenance will be paid by the pledges. Jim Rugh and Betty Vickers will work with Deacon Jones to write this grant application.

The stewardship program needs to be an ongoing effort. It was suggested that we add a quote on stewardship to the bulletin each Sunday. An every member canvass was suggested for fall where all parishioners are visited. We also discussed the importance of including the children of the parish in our stewardship program.

After a short break, we gathered again at 11 a.m., read the Collect and offered prayers for Sue Lillycrop and her family (as her funeral service began).

The following Vestry Committee Chairs for 2008 were selected:

- Senior Warden – Roy Nevils
- Junior Warden – Bob Gillespie, assisted by Ed Trentholm
- Membership – Susan Fulbright
- Communications – Jon Dempersmier
- Stewardship – Coby Harper
- Worship – Kitty Manscill
- Outreach – Jim Rugh

Under Parish Life, plans were made for the Bishop's visit and the Shrove Tuesday celebration. Since the Bishop's time with us will be short, the vestry plans to meet with him at the Rectory after the service and set out questions that we will ask him to address. These include:

- What diocesan support is available for our Rector's sabbatical?
- Where do we stand with the Anglican Communion?
- What diocesan support is available to support church growth?
- What diocesan support will the Bishop offer for the Conference on Environmental Stewardship sponsored by the Episcopal Peace Fellowship?

Coby Harper made a motion to give \$150 from the budget plus the plate undesignated offering for the day of the Bishop's visit to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Ed Trentholm seconded and the motion passed.

Lenten Workdays were scheduled for 2/9, 2/23, 3/1 and 3/15. Emphasis will be placed on cleaning and organizing the Christian Education rooms as well as replacing the floors in the two back rooms, plowing for a garden (provided this is deemed feasible), and planting, mulching and grass cutting on the 15th.

Church activities will be listed on a calendar in the Parish Hall. All events must be scheduled through the Communications Chair, Jon Dempersmier, who will take all events requiring approval to the vestry.

Events known are:

4/19	Organ Dedication
???	Spaghetti Supper
5/18	Church in the Park
6/1	Recognition of graduating seniors
9/7	Church in the Park
10/16-18	Pig Roast
10/26	Stewardship Sunday
11/27	Thanksgiving Dinner
10/31	Halloween Truck or Treat
12/7	Commitment Sunday
12/14	Parish Annual Meeting
1/16-17	Vestry Retreat 2009

The Episcopal Peace Fellowship is investigating the feasibility of having a community garden. They will bring this to the vestry for approval at a later date.

Computer Needs: The church is in need of a more powerful and updated computer. We will add this request to the Communicator.

The money collected and designated for Millennium Development Goals in 2007 is held in a special fund. At the February Vestry meeting, Jim Rugh will bring a recommendation from the Adult Forum for its disbursement.

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ed Trentholm and seconded by Coby Harper. Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.