



Vestry Meeting – 7:00 PM – Jewett Hall – November 16, 2009

Present: Bruce Aikman, Beverly Barry, Janice Barber, Bud Burns, Vincent Cumbo, Jennifer Dietrich, Zoe Koston, Bob Meloon, Elaine Richau, Joe Spina, Libby Wilson

Others Present: The Rev. James Massie, Interim Rector; Gregory Lodinsky, Treasurer

Meeting preceded by Eucharist and meal.

1. Minutes

**Motion: To accept October minutes made by J. Barber; 2nd by B. Berry:
Passed**

2. Treasurer's Report

The Earnings on Investments is shown as a negative figure due to quarterly maintenance charge, the diocesan pledge was not paid in October due to cash flow considerations, the pledge will be made up to date in November, the operations figure has remained low due to minimal repairs made on buildings and grounds, personnel amounts are low versus budget due to interim and supply staff. The Year to Date loss is below budget projections due, in part to the above issues. We have made one withdrawal from the Endowment this year. The Endowment has shown good gains in the last six months, increasing nearly \$10,000 month to date in November.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report, motion made by B. Meloon, 2nd by V. Cumbo: Passed.

3. Interim Rector's Report

- a. Diocesan Assessment: This year's assessment: \$25, 812. **Motion: To authorize the Vestry to pledge the full assessment, payable over twelve months made by Zoe Koston; 2nd by J. Spina: Passed, one abstention.**
- b. Advent Study: The video 'Traces of the Trade' will be the basis of an Advent study, to be offered in partnership with St. Philips. The study will be held at St. Philips over three Thursday's. Good Shepherd attendees will provide the light meal.
- c. The music committee has requested that the Vestry authorize the scheduling of one service to be offered on Christmas Eve with the recommended time of 7:00 pm.

Motion: To authorize the scheduling of a single Christmas Eve service, offered at 7:00 pm motion made by B. Meloon, 2nd: J. Spina: Passed.

- d. The Annual Report is requested
- e. Correspondence was received by parishioner Janet Hansen informing the Rector and Vestry of her displeasure over the resignation of Michael Salmon and her resignation from the church. Warden B. Aikman will send a response thanking her for her past service to Good Shepherd.

4. Discernment Committee: Candidate applications have been received and reviewed, written questions have been asked of each candidate, and the committee is in the process of discussing and considering each response. Z. Koston: “This is a healthy process that is proceeding along; an ‘education process’”.

5. Stewardship: J. Spina submitted the following figures:

- 49 pledges received, representing a total of \$82,026
- 25 pledges increased
- 10 pledges decreased
- 22 former pledges have not sent in response
- Pledge units that represent those that have left the church: \$7,780
- Expectation is a total pledge amount of \$85,000 – \$87,000

6. Music Committee: Warden B. Aikman and the Choir met to discuss the search for a ‘Quarter – Time’ organist/choir director; the committee members:

Carol Burns – Facilitator, E. Richau, Julia Mount, Andrea Adema,
Jennifer Coleman, Julie Spina

An advertisement will appear in the American Guild of Organists web-site and newsletter the group has received other candidate inquiries. The position will be posted as a full-time organist/choir director.

Motion: The Vestry supports the Music Committee in their search for a full-time organist/choir director, motion made by B. Aikman, 2nd: J. Dietrich: Passed

Motion: The Vestry authorizes the expenditure of funds to purchase gifts to be presented in appreciation of the music leadership provided by Andrea Adema and Julia Mount, motion made by Z. Koston; 2nd B. Burns: Passed

7. ‘Concerned Parishioners’

Discussion took place regarding the Report to the Interim Rector, Wardens, and Vestry as submitted by Canon Carolyn Lombard.

Motion: The Vestry accept the report submitted by Canon Carolyn Lombard, motion made by B. Meloon, 2nd: B. Barry: Passed

Motion: The Report to the Interim rector, Wardens, and Vestry as submitted by Carolyn Lombard be released to the 'Concerned Parishioners' group, motion made by: J. Dietrich; 2nd: E. Richau: **Passed**

Motion: *Authorize the Wardens to call a meeting of all parishioners to discuss the concerns raised to the Vestry regarding the resignation of Michael Salmon; with date and time agreed upon by the Wardens and facilitator* , motion made by J. Barber; 2nd: L. Wilson: **Passed**

8. Chaplain: Per a recommendation contained in the Report to the Interim Rector, Wardens, and Vestry as submitted by Canon Carolyn Lumbard, the Wardens will pursue the appointment of a chaplain to assist during parish – wide meetings, the Wardens will research individuals in the diocese to serve in that capacity.

9. Annual Meeting: The Office Manager is requesting all committee reports for presentation during the Annual Meeting. Episcopal Community Services Committee is in need of a chair person.

10. Parkside History Book: Steve Cichon, a local history researcher and Parkside neighborhood resident has published a book regarding the history of the area, proceeds for the sale of the book will be divided among three local organizations, including Good Shepherd, he is requesting a time to speak to Good Shepherd parishioners about Parkside history. Rev. Massie has offered December 13, 2009 during both services as a time for Mr. Cichon to speak to the congregation.

11. Christmas Donation Requests: Recommendations are being accepted for donation of ½ of Christmas offering.

12. Education Committee: Meeting Wednesday, November 18 in the Rectors office, B. Meloon, chair.

13. Rectory Renovation: Greg Lodinsky, chair, reports that all walls have been striped of paper, cleaned and are now ready to be prepped for painting.

Motion: *Adjourn meeting* made by Z. Koston, 2nd J. Spina: **Passed**
Meeting ended 9:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Gregory Lodinsky

Handouts distributed: Profit and Loss statement, Rectory Renovation Report, SmithBarney Endowment Report, Concerned Parishioners Report