

**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the GOOD SHEPHERD**  
**Monday March 16, 2009**

The Vestry Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

**Present:** The Rev Jim Massie, Bruce Aikman, Joe Spina, Janice Barber, Bev Barry, Vincent Cumbo, Caroline Lodinsky, Youth Representative, Gregory Lodinsky, Treasurer, Bob Meloon, Elaine Richau, and Julie Spina, Clerk

**Excused:** The Rev Leann McConhchie, Bud Burns, Zoe Koston, Jennifer Dietrich, Libby Wilson

**Vestry Minutes** from the February meeting were accepted with corrections, and will be revised, then emailed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Greg Lodinsky – distributed and reviewed; as of 3/16/09, the endowment fund is at \$471,966. It was recommended that available treasurer's reports be emailed to vestry, as are agenda and minutes.

**Rector's Report** – The Rector noted there have been two recent bequests to Good Shepherd. Episcopal Life/Church Acts are now on line, with an option for parishes to subscribe to hard copies. It was suggested that this announcement be stated in the weekly bulletin, to make these publications available, if desired, to those without computer access.

Holy Week services at Good Shepherd – Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, 7pm, Easter Vigil at 8pm, and Easter morning at 8 and 10:30am.

**Property Committee** – Bruce Aikman

The committee is and will be requesting volunteers to assist in Rectory projects, and will evaluate cleaning, painting, etc., projects to be undertaken, going room-by-room to be sure that the Rectory is useable and available.

Question was raised and answered, relating to the responsibility for yard maintenance – Sexton, Kevin Rung, plus volunteers.

Other noticed needs relating to property: removal of the large, brown-painted sign facing Jewett was raised, moved, seconded, and passed; and the memorial plaques throughout the building need to be cleaned and highlighted in some way

**Old Business**

Payroll – Currently, G.S. has a payroll service managing employee paychecks, costing the parish additional funds. Diane Kasting, our bookkeeper, is not interested in adding payroll to her job description. It was suggested that the treasurer look into the Church Pension Fund's management of payroll program, at about ½ of our current expense.

Café – moving along well – the refinishing of the floor is among the next projects. A meeting is planned for 3/24/09, at 8:30, to begin discussion of an updated Memorandum of Understanding between the Café Corporation and the Darwin Martin House.

Church School – Still looking for a leader

Retreat – Discussed the evolution of 'Vestry Retreat' into a forum at which the entire parish would be given the opportunity to become better versed in the pastoral, canonical, and financial aspects of the profile and discernment process.

The Profile and Discernment committees continue to meet

St. John's-Grace Wardens' Meeting – Wardens from St. John's-Grace and Good Shepherd met for the first time, as had been proposed, to talk about collaboration in services, study groups, social events, possibly even alternating worship spaces at times.

Separation of Evangelism and Stewardship Committees – Libby Wilson has stepped forward to chair the Evangelism committee – Bev Barry has agreed to be on the committee. It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously that the two committees be separated

**New Business**

Discussion around question of whether Good Shepherd will be looking for full-time or part-time clergy as Rector – these are issues which will be part of the discernment process;

Interfaith Hospitality – A letter was received from this group, asking for participation by our parish in this work. Their name has changed to Family Promise, and - in the past, member parishes have provided food, transportation, and shelter for needy, transitional families & couples, for several weeks at a time. Discussed by the Vestry, and to be presented to the congregation as an outreach project.

Episcopal Community Services - pledges are coming in – a bowl-a-thon is scheduled as a fund-raiser; Vestry is encouraged to pledge early

Situation with Former Sexton – (Rick Berg) – NYS Department of Labor has sent an explanation of benefits notice, with the onus upon the employer(s) to prove dates of hire and dismissal.

**Future Vestry Meetings**

May 18	June – Vestry Retreat	
July – no meeting	August 17	September 21
October 19	November 16	December 21

**2009 Events**

Lenten Study – Wednesdays 6pm 3/4 - 4/8  
Regional Confirmation at St Paul’s Cathedral, Thursday, May 21 (Ascension Day)  
Friends of the Night People – 4/19, 6/21, 8/16, 10/18, 12/20  
PCA Home Tour – 5/17 (11:30am – 4:30pm)  
Strawberry Festival – June  
PCA Garden Tour – June 28 (10am – 4PM)

Next Vestry Meeting: Monday, April 20, 2009.  
Meal: Jennifer Dietrich, Julie Spina, Joe Spina, Libby Wilson

The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm  
Respectfully submitted,

Julie Spina,  
Clerk of the Vestry