

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the GOOD SHEPHERD
Monday April 20, 2009

Prior to Vestry Meeting, there were two presentations:

1 Interfaith Hospitality– Their name has changed to Family Promise of WNY and, in the past, member parishes have provided food, transportation, and shelter for needy, transitional families & couples, for several weeks at a time. The program was explained to Vestry, and brochures/newsletters distributed.

2 Episcopal Peace Fellowship – Parishioner, Steve Hart, distributed brochures and flyers about the organization, spoke about its work, and proposed, as a representative of EPF, that Good Shepherd display a banner calling for a serious investigation into US-sponsored torture.

Vestry to consider and respond to these presenters.

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

Present: The Rev Jim Massie, Bruce Aikman, Joe Spina, Janice Barber, Bev Barry, Bud Burns, Vincent Cumbo, Jennifer Dietrich, Zoe Koston, Bob Meloon, Elaine Richau, Libby Wilson, Caroline Lodinsky, Youth Representative, Gregory Lodinsky, Treasurer, Julie Spina, Clerk

Excused: The Rev Leann McConhchie

Vestry Minutes from the March, 09, meeting were adopted unanimously

Treasurer's Report, Profit and Loss Budget, Smith-Barney Account were distributed and reviewed thanks to Greg Lodinsky; the discussion included

- Donations from community organizations who meet at Good Shepherd are below expected level;
- Diocesan Assessment still needs to be paid;
- There is an issue with pension payments for two employees;
- and an Issue of the former Sexton's unemployment claim.

Treasurer's Report unanimously adopted

Property Committee – Bruce Aikman

Property projects discussed were

- the removal of the large, brown-painted sign facing Jewett;
- there are two new leaks, one each in the Rectory and the Church Narthex area, and
- the need for bids on painting the flagpole.

Also noted was the Food Pantry's need for a new freezer. Money has been donated/raised for this purpose, however there may be an operating freezer available for this use, so a conditional motion was put forward: in the event the available freezer is inoperable, a new freezer will be purchased. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Rector's Report – The Interim Rector noted that

- the 8am Easter morning celebration had the most people in attendance since that service in 1999;
- discussion at a Deanery Meeting, Tues, May 5, at St Paul's Cathedral will include review of ideas concerning the selection of a new Bishop for WNY (when Bp Garrison retires.) Survey will be included in our Sunday, April 26, leaflet. Please take time to complete and return the survey to either the Interim Rector or one of the Wardens before May 5th;
- the Interim Rector will be away for continuing education at the time of the May Vestry meeting;
- historically, the Good Friday offering has gone to the work of the Anglican Church in Jerusalem; the Treasurer will check into this;
- discussion about half of the loose offering and the Easter envelopes for this year; moved, seconded, and affirmed the offering will go to Family Promise of WNY. It was suggested that, in the future, we should choose and publicize the designated fund prior to Easter;
- the Massies will be travelling to Arizona after Easter to visit family, where they will also visit the Cosby family, who have close ties to Good Shepherd.

Old Business

Payroll – Gradually progressing toward the Church Pension Fund managing employee paychecks, which program will amount to about ½ of our current expense for this budget item;

Café – the discussion included a review of issues regarding the refinishing and safeguarding of Jewett Hall’s floor, and the need to remove the old organ from Jewett Hall

Profile and Discernment – a lot of progress has been made on the Survey; committee is considering having Vestry take the Survey prior to dispersal to the whole congregation, and possibly placing Survey on the website for completion

Retreat/Forum – discussed timing, purpose, place, scope of inclusion, place, facilitation for this gathering, with focus on transition issues; decision postponed until end of meeting

Episcopal Community Services – total so far is about \$1,900 – just under ½ of goal. Encouragement was given to Vestry members to donate asap - - also a welcome was extended for suggestions for fund-raising ideas - - challenge between groups?

New Business

Doug Adema, parishioner, expressed concern about Good Shepherd’s Newsletter/Website: mentioned were out of date &/or missing information and the need to update or post a notice the website is ‘under construction.’ Visitors, interested clergy, parishioners, friends, other parishes (especially as the Search gets under way) need to know we remain active and involved. Nancy Cich has recently begun work on the site. Related to this, approved Vestry Minutes will be posted to the site.

Future Vestry Meetings

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| May 18 | June 15 | July – no meeting | August 17 |
| September 21 | October 19 | November 16 | December 21 |

2009 Events

PCA Home Tour – 5/17, 11:30am – 4:30pm – with hopes to hold a Tea in Jewett, depending upon state of the floor, number of ‘helpers,’ and with a Church Tour offered

Confirmation at St Paul’s Cathedral, Thursday, May 21 (Ascension Day) – Caroline Lodinsky!

Friends of the Night People – 6/21, 8/16, 10/18, 12/20

Roycroft Concert – June 19th

Strawberry Festival – June 20th

PCA Garden Tour – June 28 (10am – 4PM)

Retreat, Revisited – question called about Retreat/Forum issue, with decision made to suspend planning until Surveys are returned

Next Vestry Meeting: Monday, May 18, 2009.

Meal: Leann McConchie, Vince Cumbo, Elaine Richau, Jennifer Dietrich

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Spina,
Clerk of the Vestry