

**St. Gregory's
Vestry Minutes
February 8, 2007**

Physical Nourishment: Kathy Kreidler furnished a delicious pork roast for dinner.

Quorum: Present: Shaun Laughlin, Father Todd Sorensen, Harvey Frank, Bonnie Frank, John Manta, Kay Buturla, Sue O'Dell, Randi Ruscetta, Scott Kingsbury, and Jeff Hasse. There was a quorum present.

Additions to Agenda: New DCM, Dinners for Vestry Meetings

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the January meeting were approved as circulated on a motion by Kay that was seconded by Shaun.

Facilities: The inventory video has been completed, so this item can be removed from the agenda. All bids are in for the windows and doors. Once the Facilities Review Board approves one of the bids, installation can start. There are some issues to consider besides just the cost, such as energy savings and warranties. Bill Kreidler hasn't scheduled the FRB meeting yet. There will continue to be a notice about the challenge grant and donations in the Plainsong until the annual meeting. Only a few small donations have been received so far.

Sudanese Congregation: Shaun read a letter from the Sudanese Congregation asking all churches to pray for them. They also requested to be included in outreach and/or mission budgets. Shaun will try to get a visit from the Sudanese Congregation scheduled. Gail Burns will be asked to do a presentation on sponsoring a Sudanese refugee family.

Letter from Diocese: Shaun read a letter to the Vestry, as required, on the removal of David Kent Lee from ordained ministry. Notice was sent to the vestries of all congregations. The original letter will be filed with the minutes.

Thank Yous: Kathy Kreidler should be included in the Thank You presentation at the Annual Meeting. Father Todd will obtain the plaques. He will check at the Family Christian Bookstore to see what they have available.

Vestry Nominations: Gary Schanbacher and Jim Tierney have agreed to run for vestry. John Manta agreed to run for Junior Warden. Randi suggested that we not designate specific areas to the individual vestry members but rather have everyone share responsibility. Some of the positions require much more time and effort than others. Perhaps the new vestry should discuss how tasks can be shared or distributed. Father Todd suggested the vestry members meet and greet parishioners at the back of the church on Sunday to try to increase interest in serving on the vestry.

Ministries: Kay is still compiling information on the various ministries as a follow up on time and talent. There was a discussion on how best to make the information available.

Suggestions were to publish a list in the Chant with a feature article on a different ministry each month. The list could also be used as a handout to all church members. The contact people must be updated whenever needed. Kay hopes to finish the update by the next vestry meeting.

Legacy Society: Al Ogden will do a presentation on the Legacy Society sometime in March or April.

Annual Reports: Annual reports are due by February 18. There should be a report from each ministry. The easiest way is to e-mail the report to the church. All reports turned in by the 18th will be published for the Annual Meeting.

New Business

Emergency Repairs: Sue suggested we need a petty cash fund or a credit card available to deal with facilities emergencies, e.g., flooding. Diocesan guidelines discourage having a petty cash fund. Perhaps we could get some type of pre-paid credit card to be used by facilities and the DCM to pay for budgeted items and emergency repairs. Harvey and Jorie will look into this possibility.

Facilities Response Team: Last week there were several emergencies at the facility. The roof leaked and the sewer backed up into the basement and the Montessori office. Sue suggested a list of volunteers who would be willing to help deal with these emergencies if they should happen when neither she nor Father Todd is available. The list of volunteers would be given to Jorie, the Senior Warden, and the facilities vestry member.

Donation of Books: We have a large number of books in the basement but no space for a library. All the books will be donated to Christian Library International.

New DCM: Shaun and Amy are moving so we will have to hire a new DCM. Amy is trying to find her own replacement before she leaves. The suggestion was made to combine the DCM and Youth Ministry positions. This won't really work because the two positions require different skills.

Dinners for Vestry Meetings: Kathy has decided she will no longer fix dinner for the Vestry meetings after this month. The new vestry will need to decide what to do for meals. Perhaps the different vestry members can take turns furnishing meals.

Financial Report: Income was under budget for January. This is probably related to poor attendance because of the bad weather and the lack of parking with snow in the parking lot. Expenses were also down because some bills have not been received yet. Scott moved and Shaun seconded that the financial report be approved for audit. Motion passed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned in prayer at 8:50 pm. The closing prayer included prayers for several parishioners and family members with health problems.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be at the Vestry Retreat Saturday March 3, 2007.

Vestry Retreat: The vestry retreat will be March 2 and March 3.