

**St. Gregory's
Vestry Minutes
May 15, 2008**

Physical Nourishment: Jami furnished a delicious beef stroganoff dinner.

Spiritual Nourishment: Father Todd led the recitation of Evening Prayer.

Quorum: *Present:* Jami Jones, Scott Kingsbury, Father Todd Sorensen, Gary Schanbacher, Harvey Frank, Bonnie Frank, Ori Roberts, Jim Tierney, Bill Kreidler, and Tim Dennis.
Absent: John Manta. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Agenda: There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: The April minutes were approved as circulated on a motion from Gary that was seconded by Bill.

Old Business

Facilities: The drinking fountain drain needs to be cleaned. Jim has a drain cleaner which can be poured in the drain. The list of projects is ready for clean up day. The suggestion has been made that we get rid of the split rail fence in the front. Also the trees need to be trimmed. Perhaps the Scout Troop can help with these projects.

Shepherding: Several vestry members have been making their shepherding calls and giving feedback to Father Todd.

Sudanese Congregation: We've had very little success finding a contact to work with at the Cathedral. Perhaps it's time to drop the idea. There was a discussion of other groups we could approach to present programs, e.g. Jubilee, St. Francis, Interfaith Task Force. Perhaps Out Reach and Adult Ed can work together on this.

Legacy Society: Father Todd has been approached by a new parishioner who wants to donate stock through The Legacy Foundation.

Pictorial Directory: Scott has written an article on the pictorial directory for the Chant. Hopefully it will be in the next Chant. People will be asked to send pictures to the church's e-mail. Scott will e-mail the information to the vestry members to be used when making shepherding calls.

Ministry Articles: Father Todd will write the ministry articles for publication in the Chant.

New Business

Request for Using the Chapel: The Congregation of the Reformed Catholic Church has been

meeting in Father Martino's basement. He has occasionally attended services at St. Gregory's and would like to use the chapel for regularly scheduled services for the group. The Reformed Catholic Church broke away from the Roman Church after Vatican I. General consensus was that there would be no problem with allowing this but we should let the congregation know about the arrangement.

Rector's Letter of Agreement: The executive committee plus the immediate past senior warden met with Father Todd and reviewed his Letter of Agreement. Copies of the agreement were distributed to the vestry members. Father Todd feels the strength of St. Gregory's is that we are small, which allows people to get to know each other with more personal interaction. He identified improvement in the areas of Incorporation, Small Groups, and Fellowship as goals for 2008. We should try to have at least 4 fellowship events a year. Perhaps a fellowship could be as simple as a meeting with dessert served. We need to incorporate newcomers to become active members of the congregation. The goal is to retain 50% of 2nd time visitors. Perhaps some personal follow-up for visitors who fill out a card would be a good idea. Small groups give everyone the opportunity to be part of a pastoral care group. John, Matt Dickey, and Father Todd will be meeting concerning leadership training for small groups.

Combined Youth Group: St. Phillip's Lutheran Church needs a youth pastor. Perhaps St. Gregory's could work with St. Phillip's for a larger, combined youth group. There was general agreement that this is a good idea to pursue.

Outdoor Service and Picnic: An outdoor service followed by a picnic has been scheduled for August 24. There is a Church in Aspen giving away a portable sound system, which would be good for this type of activity.

Chant: Carol is taking a sabbatical from editing the Chant. We need to find someone (or a team) to replace her. Jorie would be willing to do it, but would need her hours extended to do it. The office staff (Father Todd and Jorie) will edit the Chant until a replacement is found.

Barefoot Sunday: There is a group that sponsors the donation of shoes to the needy. Parishioners take off their shoes and leave them at the altar to be donated (new shoes, of course). Perhaps those unwilling to do this could donate money to purchase shoes.

Financial Report: Harvey presented the April financial report. Even though we were below budget for income and above budget for expenses in April, we're still on budget for the year. The financial report was approved for audit on a motion from Bill that was seconded by Scott. The Audit committee will be meeting June 1.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned in prayer at 8:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Thursday, June 12, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. Orie has volunteered to provide dinner.