

**St. Gregory's
Vestry
Minutes
October 12, 2006**

Physical Nourishment: John Manta furnished a delicious meal of Greek food.

Spiritual Nourishment: Father Todd led the reading of Rite II evening prayer from the Book of Common Prayer.

Present: Shaun Laughlin, Jeff Hasse, Harvey Frank, Father Todd Sorensen, John Manta, Scott Kingsbury, Bonnie Frank, and Sue O'Dell. **Absent:** Randi Ruschetta and Kay Buturla. Father Todd took pictures of the vestry members to post in the parish hall.

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

Minutes: There was one correction to the September minutes, made by Father Todd. The Alpha Youth program is being used as part of the confirmation preparation. The minutes were approved as amended on a motion from Scott that was seconded by John.

Old Business

Facilities: Sue's written update on facilities is attached. George Becker fixed the door to the counter's room (Al's old office). The door was sticking. There are two broken windows that need to be replaced. The window with the swamp cooler in the middle room may have broken because of the way the swamp cooler is mounted. The swamp cooler may have to be re-mounted with a more flexible mount to avoid window breakage in the future.

Structural Engineering Update: The main problems in the parish hall are that the slab is shifting and the caissons on the west wall are broken. To repair the problems would require about \$100,000 for the slab and \$40,000 for the caissons. Short term solutions include fixing some drainage problems. We need to add 10 foot extensions on all down spouts. The French drain on the west side of the building needs to be dug up to make sure it is functioning properly. The ground needs to be re-graded so water moves away from the building. The drain extensions need to be buried with heat tape. Crack monitors should be installed to measure building movement after the drainage is fixed. There is a water line under the main room, in the slab, which needs to be shut off to eliminate possible water from this source. Both buildings are structurally sound. The water leak into the women's restroom in the church is from water coming in through the windows in the choir loft. Flashing installed over those window sills should take care of the problem, which has resulted from the way the bricks were installed in the windows. We also need to change the concrete slabs by the front door. Now, drainage flows towards the door and the building's foundation. For safety reasons, leveling cement needs to be used at the rear doors of the parish hall for an emergency exit. We can repair the cracks in the parking lot

ourselves. The strip for floating the walls in the middle room of the parish hall was not installed properly and needs to be re-done. Sue will be getting an estimate for the concrete at the front of the church.

Youth Group: The youth group meets every Sunday unless otherwise announced. Those in youth group are in the 7th grade and up.

Bishop's Visit: The Bishop preside at both services during his visit on December 17. He will meet with the confirmands between services. There will be a reception following the 10:00 a.m. service, followed by lunch with the vestry. Kay has volunteered to coordinate lunch. We need a volunteer to spearhead the reception. The reception committee should include some youth members as well as adults.

3 Things Update: Shaun asked each member to select 3 things from the "Need to Do" list which should be given priority. Shaun will compile these to determine the priority for action.

New Business

Diocesan Convention: Those who attended the Convention gave brief reports on the Convention. This was a resolution-free convention. There were workshops (TED) presented. Workshops attended by St. Gregory's delegates included those on Welcoming and Incorporating newcomers, Stewardship, Prayer, and Using Precept to Grow the Church. Precept is a census program for specific areas, sorted by zip codes. The Diocese has a contract with percept which allows each congregation to use the program.

Sudanese Congregation: Shaun has contacted the Sudanese Congregation and should be able to arrange a program after the holidays.

Bishop's Task Force: Shaun is on the bishop's new task force.

Business 101 for Vestries: There is a Power Point presentation available to present this program to the vestry.

When to Build: Al Ogden would like to meet with the vestry to discuss the possibility of fund raising with the goal of building a new parish hall.

September Financial Report: Income for September was right at budget; and is over budget for the year. Expenses for September were over budget, but we are well within the budget for the year. Shaun moved and Scott seconded that the financial report be approved for audit.

Stewardship: Two letters were sent out. Several pledges have been received. Additional pledge cards are available and will be put by the doors to both the church and the parish hall.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned in prayer at 8:35 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 9, at 6:30 p.m.