

**St. Gregory's
Vestry Minutes
October 9, 2008**

Physical Nourishment: John Manta brought Thai food for dinner.

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

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

Approval of Minutes: The August and September minutes were approved as circulated on a motion from John that was seconded by Gary.

Old Business

Facilities: The painting of the parish hall should be started soon. Orié will be meeting with Jim on Friday, October 10, to facilitate his taking over as primary facilities person. Orié reported he couldn't locate the notebook of manuals that Sue and Jim compiled. Hopefully this will be resolved when he meets with Jim. Orié will have a list of chores for the work day on October 25. Father Todd will check with Jorie to see if the inventory log is complete.

Shepherding and Attendance: Everyone is encouraged to contact parishioners that haven't been in church recently. Attendance is still down.

Legacy Society: Father Todd has some new information to give to Al Ogden on establishing a Legacy Society.

Chant Online: There will be more hard copies to mail than originally thought. There will be address labels on the copies placed out for people to pick up. After a week or two, those not picked up will be mailed. Father Todd will continue with the ministry articles in the Chant.

Goals & Strategies: The goal was to have four fellowship events per year. Tim is trying to set up an event for the fall. He would like to have a catered event, but the cost would be too high if there isn't enough attendance. So far we've had a parish picnic. A movie night was scheduled, but there was extremely poor attendance.

Newcomer Workshop: No one came to the scheduled workshop. Father Todd will reschedule and issue personal invitations. There have been fewer newcomers as well as lower attendance. Father Todd has written a welcoming liturgy for new members. One idea is to put a covenant for newcomers in the Chant so everyone can read it. The Parish Papers for October has an article on the requirements for church membership.

Small Group Training: Enough people have signed up to start a men's group. Three women signed up, which may be enough to try to start a women's group as well. The marriage course is meeting on Tuesdays. Mike Guyerson will be talking on financial strategies in the current economy on either October 19 or 26 during the adult education time. We may try to hold a financial course later.

New Business

Diocesan Convention: The budget and resolutions all passed. All legislation passed after being amended to eliminate the last paragraph of each (which required that all parishes comply with directives issued by the Diocese and the Standing Committee). The Vestry Training offered by the Diocese will be different each year it's important for all vestry members to attend the training each year.

New Accounting Software: The current software company is working toward eliminating any DOS based software, which includes the software used for our accounting. They are offering a new software, which is being offered at a reduction in price if we buy Version 1.0 and help Beta test the software. One part will be approximately \$300 and the other \$200, with software to convert the current files to the new system. Maintenance on the new system will be more expensive, which will require spending more than budgeted. Gary moved and Jami seconded that funds for the new software be taken from the Computer Equipment Fund. The motion carried. Orié requested that all funds in the Joyce Roberts Memorial be used for the computer expenses.

Web Page: Harvey suggested we use the stgregoryslittleton.org domain name on a separate web site. Father Todd has information on a new web page which we can use.

Directory: Father Todd is still working on the pictorial directory. The pictures need better resolution.

Stewardship: The stewardship campaign is starting. Letters will be sent out and there should be an article in the Chant.

Financial Report: Father Todd is investigating the possibility of e-giving. During September, the plate was above budget. We are slightly ahead on income for the year, with expenses slightly under budget. There was a brief discussion on concerns about the budget for next year, with salaries for the youth and children's minister being of special concern. The August and September financial reports were approved for audit on a motion from John that Gary seconded.

Adjourn in Prayer: The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 13, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. Tim Dennis is scheduled to furnish dinner.