

**St. Gregory's
Vestry Minutes
September 14, 2006**

Physical Nourishment: A dinner of sub sandwiches was furnished by Kathy Kreidler.

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

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

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

Approval of Minutes: The August minutes were approved as circulated on a motion by Scott that was seconded by Randi.

Old Business

Facilities: The facilities report is attached. One of the items that needs to be done during the fall cleanup is to clean the gutters on the church. There was a discussion about the bins for outreach and the concern that not having the bins under the stairs will decrease donations. It was decided that we could use a large basket for people to drop stuff in. The basket would be emptied into the bins after church each week.

Shepherding: Sue suggested that we post the pictures of the vestry members in the parish hall. Todd will take pictures at the next vestry meeting. There has been some good feedback from the shepherding calls. There are also a lot of changes in the directory that was just printed and distributed.

Youth Minister: No one has applied. Father Todd will post the position again at Denver Seminary. Shaun is currently re-wording the job description. The hiring of the youth minister is important but not urgent. Most of the youth group have indicated a desire to be confirmed. There is a version of the Alpha program for teens, which might be a good way to increase interest in the youth program.

Three Things: Shaun presented the summary of the Three Things Discussion from the March meeting. A copy is attached. Most of the items discussed at that time have been accomplished.

Vestry position: No one has yet indicated an interest in filling the open Vestry position.

New Business

Bishop's Visit: Bishop O'Neill's visit with confirmation will be December 17. He will meet with

the confirmands during the hour before church. The vestry will have a lunch meeting with the Bishop after the services. We should have a reception for the parishioners to greet the Bishop before this meeting. Kay volunteered to co-ordinate the lunch.

Christmas Eve Services: Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year. This means we will be having services in the afternoon and evening that day. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that we should still have the regular schedule of Sunday services for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. There is a problem with the timing of the greening of the church. We will probably ask for some volunteers to do this on Saturday rather than waiting until after Sunday morning services.

Rector Letter of Agreement: A committee will review the Rector's Letter of Agreement. The committee will consist of John Manta, Jeff Hasse, Shaun Laughlin, and Harvey Frank.

2007 Budget: The proposed budget includes a salary increase of 5%, with more for Father Todd since he didn't get an increase last year. There was a discussion of how restricted giving is handled. Many people feel that the money should stay in the parish, but we are committed to donating a percentage of our income to the Diocese and National Church. If a donation is restricted, this percentage goes to either the Sudanese community (Restricted Parish) or to St. Francis Center (Restricted Diocese). The proposed maintenance budget includes ongoing repairs and maintenance. Large improvements, such as the stained glass and concrete repair usually come out of the Capital Repair budget. The Facilities Review Board needs to be involved in this budget.

Financial Report: Harvey presented the Financial Report for August. Income was down but still above budget for YTD. Expenses for the month were close to budget. There was a brief discussion of special funds. Any special funds can be used for anything other than the original purpose only if the donor gives permission for that use. Randi suggested the Vestry be given a list of the special funds, including who donated the funds and what the original purpose was. Shaun moved and Scott seconded that the Financial Report be approved for audit. The motion carried.

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

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 12, 2006, at 6:30 p.m.