

Vestry Minutes
March 12, 2009

Members present: Jorie Martin, Chris Fleet, Pete Plourd, Patricia Jones, Bonnie Landis, Bill Romoser, Richard Swanson, Andrea Pinard, Jean Mary Taylor

Absent: Bill Beene, Sharon Maddox

The Rector opened the meeting at 8:05 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer and then personal updates were given. Debbie informed all that Anita Butler is extremely ill. Bill Beene's mother past away and they will be going to Arkansas for the funeral. Chris and Linda Fleet are going to Germany to visit their son.

Minutes of February 2009: approved

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Sharon Maddox, Pete Plourd gave the following information. The collections for the last two Sunday's have gone up tremendously however; he reminded all that finances are still very tight. It was noted that the Treasurer's report does not reflect the budget changes from last month. (February). Bonnie raised a question regarding the Memorial Funds: Pete pointed out where they were located in the report and that at this time we have \$27,633.25 in Memorials and Special Funds.

Bonnie made the motion to accept the report as reported, second: Patti Jones.

Rector's Report: Chris Fleet, Bill Beene and Debbie Rutter will meet on March 30th to put together a plan for restoring funds in the budget as monies become available to do so.

Debbie mentioned that Bishop Lee would be going to California, in October, when he resigns as Bishop of Virginia. He will become the interim Dean of Grace Cathedral in San Francisco.

Senior Warden: Chris Fleet reminded all that we continue to monitor and evaluate the property at 128 North Royal. A letter went out to the tenant, Rebecca Hall, on the 19th of February regarding her situation and lack of payment of her rent over the past months. Chris and Bill met with Graham Taylor of CTHP regarding this tenant and he expressed an interest in trying to help with this situation. Chris and Debbie met with the tenant and explained the possibility of help from CTHP and she seemed interested in any help she could get. Chris informed Graham that she is interested and now it is up to CTHP. She would have to be interviewed by a caseworker and Chris has some doubts as to whether she would be eligible, since she has no income at this time. She is now \$2625.00 in arrears.

Tuesday, March 31st, is the deadline for the tenant to pay the rent due. Discussion continued.

Junior Warden: Bill Romoser gave an update on some of the things that need to be done. The apartment will need to be painted and it is difficult, at this time, to tell other things that need to be done until the tenant vacates the property. He did mention the need for getting air into the bathroom, as there appears to be some mildew present, due to lack of air circulation. Bill went on to discuss other areas of need in the building as a whole. He described all the rooms and what each room contained. A ceiling repair is required in one of the rooms and Bill has spoken to Dennis about this.

The Red Cross picked up their new lease in which we are asking an increase from \$300.00 to \$350.00. Bill had a conversation with the individual from the Red Cross and she was not happy about the increase and pointed out that it took us a long period of time to finally rent the space and that there are now many other places for rent. As Bill pointed out, we are including utilities. There is a clause in the lease that the rent goes up 3% each year, which would mean the rent, would be \$309.00 for this year and not \$350.00. Some negotiations will have to be done.

Bill mentioned that we have workdays coming up on Saturday, March 14th and 21st and was hopeful to do some painting. However, the weather may not permit this activity.

Discussion continued on the grounds and buildings.

Lay Assistant: Jean Mary Taylor reported that the Lenten Program is in full swing and there is one change that we need to be made aware of: Bill Sharp, due to a conflict, will now give his presentation on Sunday the 29th after the 10:30 service. He was originally scheduled for Thursday March 26th. Jean Mary will send out an e-mail noting this change.

She reported that tonight, at the Lenten Service, we collected \$109.00 for the Scholarship Fund.

Stewardship: Andrea Pinard handed out the Time and Talent sheets and those who head up the various ministries that are NOT on the vestry will receive their copy by mail or by phone notification to pick up at the office. Some additional names were added to the list.

Bill Beene had asked Andrea to give the pledge summary for 2008. Andrea informed us that she was "financially challenged" and really was not sure she understood his notes and the chart. It was suggested that we wait until Bill returns and he present this at next month's vestry meeting.

Totals as of now: \$267,780 00. (Last year the pledges were \$289,681). \$500.00 for Outreach was received which is not included in this figure but is included for budget restoration.

A check for \$700.00 from James Harper received and is to be used to pay against our debt.

Discussion continued on the state of the budget.

March 31st the Planned Giving Committee will meet at 10:30 and April 14th the Stewardship Committee will meet.

Communication: Peg Goodyear. Peg reported on the progress being made with the updating of our website. Paul Savidge will meet with Debbie, Libby and Peg on Tuesday the 17th at 1:00 PM. to review some of his ideas and changes. Hopefully we will have the new site up and running in a month or so. Tom Dickerson, Computer Medical Center, has Debbie up and running on her new computer.

The update of 2009 Windows will be shipped in May so that we can get this new addition installed.

Fellowship: Jorie Martin: Lenten suppers going well. Jorie did speak with Stacy Gedney about doing a cooking class and she would like to do one for children and perhaps an adult one as well. The Foyer Groups: so far only four couples have signed up. Jorie feels you really need about 15 couples to make it work. She also said that these couples could do this and set the timetable for their dinners.

A possible project at the Conservation Center is in the planning stage of which Calvary may be interested. Some of the projects that she is aware of would be the monitoring of Tree Frogs, Meadow and Habitat and another that has something to do with Cheetahs, but she is not sure if Volunteers would be involved with this. However, they are looking for volunteers to help and as soon as more information is available, Jorie will get back to us.

Richard McPherson is preparing a fundraiser to be held in May and Hank Gorecki and Duane Vaughn are willing to do a fundraiser for us like a dance or a block party in May.

Memorials: Bonnie Landis. The plaque has been ordered and should be arriving in approximately three (3) weeks. The plaque will be placed in the back of the church and Bonnie said she would need help getting it in place.

Long Range/Strategic Planning: Debbie gave the status of this committee consisting of Debbie Rutter, Bonnie Landis, Richard Swanson, Jorie Martin, and Peg Goodyear. This committee was charged with looking at ways to encourage growth (spiritual, financial, membership) deepen involvement in our parish life, and support the mission of the church.

Suggestions for membership: A committee of six people to include at least two former vestry persons. Those recommended were: Martha Plourd* Chair, Shae Parker, Stacey Gedney, Susan Goodman, Michael Williams, Nancy Daugherty, Alice Shank, Charlotte Watson, Don McNeil, Christi, Meltvedt, Barbara Savidge, Susan O'Kelly, Connie Swanson, Corinne Llewellyn.

Jean Mary suggested Helen Moser.

A copy of this entire report is attached to the minutes.

Chris Fleet added information related to Vision 20/20. He passed out a DRAFT of Calvary Priorities for 2009. This draft lists the ministries, objectives, outcome and so forth. Chris has asked that the vestry review, add, change and return to him by the end of March. A copy of this draft is attached to the minutes. Question raised by Andrea. Do all ideas have to go through this Growth and Involvement Committee? Debbie and Jorie said they did not, but if it would help get the idea going, the committee might have ideas as to how this could be done and be successful.

Diocese of Virginia/Region 14: Pete Plourd was nominated by Richard Swanson as Delegate and Andrea as Alternate. Motion carried.

Old Business: Shrine Mont Retreat can accommodate 40-45 and the \$10.00 deposit is due by April 6th. Six have signed up to date.

New Year Business: Bonnie Landis will attend Executive Planning on Wed. April 1st at 10:30

The next Vestry meeting will be Wednesday April 8, 2009 at 6:00PM

There being no further business to come before this board, the meeting adjourned at 9:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Goodyear
Register, Calvary Episcopal Church