

Vestry Minutes September 11, 2008

Present: Deborah Rutter (Rector), Don McNeill (Sr. Warden) , Fitz Wickham (Jr. Warden), Chris Fleet, Sharon Maddox (Treas), Charlotte Watson, Martha Ann Romoser, Patti Jones, Andrea Pinard, Jean Mary Taylor (Lay Asst)

Absent: Peg Goodyear, Tom Varney, Bill Beene

Devotions: Debbie Rutter showed a video of the work at St. Paul's Church in NYC following the attack on the WTC on Sept. 11. 2001. This was followed by prayer.

Minutes: The minutes of the July meeting were approved @with one question^a.

Treasurer's Report: (Pete Plourd) - we have not heard from Amber Grant, the scholarship recipient from Warren Co HS. Debbie Rutter will ask Libby Funk to send second note to Amber asking for clarification. Report was approved as read.

Finance (Patti Jones) - Patti reported that we have a projected 19K loss for 2008. List of suggested remedies is attached. A task group is looking into endowment and restricted/unrestricted funds Patti and Andrea Pinard will contact those persons who have pledged for 2008 but not yet paid.

Rector: (Debbie Rutter) - Fleming Heegaard will announce plans for a microenterprise project to help impoverished people start small businesses. Will ask for expertise from congregation. The service at Dickey Ridge and picnic will be Sunday, Sept. 14th at 10:30 a.m. If it rains, service will be in church and picnic in parish hall.

Sr. Warden (Don McNeill) - The windows on the north side of 128 N. Royal Ave. are falling out and must be replaced. Don recommends taking lowest of three bids (\$2865) Motion (F. Wickham, P. Jones) to allow Don to have windows replaced was approved. Wheel in mechanical room not working. Don has bid of \$932 to replace; do we need other bids? What is cost of expended warranty with new wheel? Vestry voted to ask Don to get other bids and will accept his choice.

Don and Dennis Funk did an inspection of church property. Some caulking and other small work needed. Vestry authorized Don to talk with Dennis about what work Dennis can do and what that cost would be.

Sharon Maddox said that she and Carolyn & Bud Blacklock will re-do the bathrooms in Weber Hall. Maddox Funeral Home will cover expenses. Vestry approved with delight.

Jr. Warden (Fitz Wickham) - Fitz concurred with Don's report regarding the windows and inspection of church properties.

Lay Assistant (JM Taylor) - Fall classes for youth and adults ready to start on September 21st. A second calendar planning meeting will be held on Monday, September 15th. Our friend, Gypsy (Catherine) Kills Warrior from Porcupine, South Dakota will be here for a week.

Communication (P Jones) - Will be profiling a parishioner a month for the newsletter; also will

be working on Calvary's website.

Stewardship (A. Pinard) - group will be meeting with Patsy Bjorling from the diocesan office on October 7th. Andrea is working on a stewardship letter for the congregation in the fall. Betty Beene will be facilitating a class dealing with stewardship later in September.

Memorials (C. Watson) - Bonnie Landis wishes to finish plaque for Calvary 2000 and is working with the company furnishing the plaque.

Fellowship (MA Romoser) - thanks to Wayne Barber for welcoming newcomers. Martha Ann is asking greeters to invite newcomers to coffee hour. Whole congregation needs to be invested in welcoming new people.

Martha Ann would like Calvary to have a parish retreat at Shrine Mont, and will work to make this happen.

Long Range Planning (C. Fleet) - Chris has 5 vestry reports and needs 5 more. He is 2/3 finished with drafting 2020 document; goal is to have draft ready by early October. Chris wants to have a couple of opportunities for feedback from the congregation - one meeting on Sunday, one during the week. He hopes to have something in place by the annual parish meeting.

Chris reported that 66 responses have been turned in in regard to the Envisioning Questions, and 6 responses to Way Forward.

Long Range Planning and Stewardship can piggyback on each other - we need to look forward. Can Betty Beene include something from Vision 2020 in her class? Chris will appreciate a thorough vestry review of his draft.

Region 14 (P. Plourd) - Next meeting is October 7

Old Business: Charlotte Watson has resigned from the Community Transitional Housing Project (CTHP) and will be a full time herbalist and author in January. Charlotte would like to see a member of Calvary on the board of CTHP.

Please send website updates to calvaryfrontroyal@yahoo.com.

New Business: The 2007 audit is ready to be sent to the diocese. There is a chalky substance on the stone blocks in the Memorial Garden. Chris Fleet will be using a grinding wheel to correct.

Next Vestry Planning Meeting will be Wednesday, October 1. Fitz and Don will attend.

Talking points for the congregation are:

- Overview of properties
- Vision 2020
- Listening sessions
- Struggles with budget

Pete will speak at the 8 a.m. service and Andrea will speak at 10:30.

Next Meeting: October 9 - 7:30 p.m.

Devotions: Debbie Rutter

Refreshments: Martha Ann Romoser

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Mary Taylor

Acting Register