

Calvary Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
September 8, 2011

Present: Debbie Rutter, Bonnie Landis, Bill Romoser, Richard Swanson, Wayne Barber, Sue Cobb, Jean Mary Taylor, Nina Beran

Absent: Shirley Turner, Shirley Williams, Tom Varney

5:00 PM Opening: Debbie gave the vestry copies of Bishop Shannon's letter in July's **Virginia Episcopalian**, her letter to Bishop Shannon asking for permission to celebrate and bless the relationship between Mr. Frank Baxter and Mr. Skip Bowling, her reflections on Parish Preparation and Personal Theology/Journey. She has been in discussions with Frank and Ship and with the Bishop. The bishop has given permission for the blessing on September 24. Debbie and the bishop are finalizing the service. She has involved the vestry through the process and once again asked our thoughts. Responses ranged from specifics of service arrangements to general thoughts of life and relationships – all with understanding and support. We concluded with all reading a General Thanksgiving (BCP), page 836.

Minutes: Accepted as presented

Treasurer's Report: Tom left copies of the August budget report. Questions centered on the final balance. The report was accepted.

Rector's Report: The parish service/picnic is September 11 at Dickey Ridge. This will also be the first Sunday for our new seminarian Ann Truitt. Debbie said Betty Beene will be Convener for Ann's Lay Committee. Bonnie Landis will fill in for her when absent. Other members are Sandra Dillion, Chris Fleet, Annetta Haddox, Chuck Huber, Randal Joyner, Corinne Llewellyn, Arthur Maddox, and Pat Weichmann.

Stewardship: Debbie said the special committee is keeping a simple approach for stewardship this year: October 16 – Stewardship Sermon; October 17 – Letter mailed with pledge card (no time/talent included); November 20 – Blessing of Pledges received.

Senior Warden's Report: Bonnie asked about the oil smell clean-up. Bill said Greg put an absorbent in the ducts. If that doesn't help, they will consider replacing the ducts nearest the spill. Bonnie said the group continues to work on Pastoral Care.

Junior Warden's Report: Bill will continue to investigate the leak in the church roof and the status of the whole roof. There was an outside leak at #128. A downspout was reconnected at a doorway entrance. The renters are happy to continue residing at #128.

Memorials: Richard had an inquiry as to who built the church handicap ramp. No one could remember. Debbie noted that the Memorial Book is almost finished – just need to fine tune.

Communications: Jean Mary said Constant Contact is fully running. It's going to be easier and more attractive to get information out to everyone. She thanked Skip Barchers for helping her finalize it.

Christian Education: Wayne will be placing ads in the **Warren Report**. Adult acolytes, mainly a parent, are helping teams. 8 AM Sunday service should have the collection plate in place at the back of the church. Jean Mary said the Rotation Program for youth and Feasting on the Word for adults will begin September 18. All will be invited to place handprints on the wall in Weber. Nancy Daugherty made artistic notices for Jean Mary to mail for the beginning of church school.

Outreach: Nina talked about Backpack Buddies. She found inexpensive all-purpose backpacks that will be filled with \$5.00 worth of food for two meals over a weekend. Ressie Jeffries has identified 21 - 45 needy children who will carry them home on Fridays and return on Monday. Carolyn Blacklock will help with packing. \$1500 has been donated for the year. The Women's Group is fine with helping siblings also. Parental permission will be needed for participation. Nina also said Appreciation Night for Calvary turned out to be a good event. Next year she would like to have pictures of members volunteering in the community. For a smaller church we give many hours! The kitchen project will get back on track. The cabinets have not been ordered. We roughly need \$11,000.

Fellowship: No report.

Lat Assistant: A date still needs to be finalized for the Diocesan Training for Parish Visitors (Short Course).

Diocese of Virginia/Region 14: September 27 may be postponed.

New Business: Executive planning is October 5. Debbie will be away September 26 – October 2. Ann will be giving her sermon with Fritz serving. Sunday morning highlights are Backpack Buddies with more opportunities to give and adult and youth classes beginning September 18.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Cobb, Register