

**Calvary Episcopal Church**  
**Minutes of Vestry Meeting**  
**February 10, 2011**

**Present:** Bonnie Landis, Sue Cobb, Shirley Turner, Nina Beran, Tom Varney, Shirley Williams, Wayne Barber, Bill Romoser, Frank Baxter for report only

**Staff:** Debbie Rutter

**Absent:** Richard Swanson, Jean Mary Taylor

**5:00 PM Opening:** Using Luke 12: 32-34, Debbie led us in considering how our congregation understands itself as community. Generally, we felt our congregation is welcoming. There is a need to reach out to newcomers beyond initial phases in efforts to learn about their interests and to help them become more involved in the church. We should continue to nurture them.

Vestry members signed the declaration as required by the constitution and Canonical canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Virginia.

**Special Reports:**

Frank Baxter is ending his term as president of Region 14. He reported on several items.

- The new stained glass window in the Lady's Chapel may be ready next week. Replacement of the plastic behind it will give a brighter appearance.
- He encouraged more funding for the diocesan pledge. The Diocese of Virginia is the second largest diocese, has the smallest staff, and receives the lowest giving. Returning to a ½% yearly increase from Calvary will help meet our diocesan pledge. Calvary benefits from its membership in Region 14. Our direct contribution is more than returned through activities that the region supports at Calvary. Frank asked for a 10% increase - \$65 - to the regional budget for a total of \$715. Region 14 has aligned its goals and committees with the five goals of the diocese. It has a great website [valleyepiscopalians.thediocese.net](http://valleyepiscopalians.thediocese.net) The region is placing ads through NPR.
- The Gift and Endowment Committee is operational. A booklet with policies and areas of giving is located in the office. The stained glass window is an example of the process. The vestry approves all projects. Frank requested \$350 to fund a legacy dinner for the Third Day Society which has a membership of 17. Bonnie moved that \$350 be given for the dinner; seconded and passed.

Nina Beran reported on the status of the kitchen. Of the two proposals, she felt the proposal from Tom Ickes' company would be timely and less expensive. The floor under sinks and cabinets has water and soft spots. The Women of Calvary will pay for the floor replacement. Floor replacement involves moving out lower cabinets. Discussion moved to kitchen renovation being done in phases which Tom, Bonnie, and Bill could oversee. Debbie asked Nina to update the congregation at both services concerning this process Sunday, February 13. Wayne Barber moved that the kitchen plan from Tom Ickes be accepted. Bonnie seconded and the motion passed.

Bonnie and Debbie led discussion concerning the block party fundraiser. Those who were involved felt it was fun to do but included hard work with little money raised. Lots of fellowship but strenuous! Considering the follies, Bonnie questioned the church being in the business of raising money. Follies on a large scale probably would have the same result. Having the follies at Calvary for Calvary would be more enjoyable for everyone and better in terms of growth and involvement.

**Rector's Report:** Debbie said the bishop will be here Sunday, February 20 for a 2 PM service with three being received. She informed us of the Lenten programs on Thursdays. The first, March 17, will center on the Diocese of Jerusalem and Middle East. Funds will go there. March 24 and 31 and April 7 and 14 is a four-week course **A Way Forward: Finding Peace in the Episcopal Church with Homosexuality**. Ann H. Truitt, member of St. Michael's, Arlington, will lead the sessions. She has presented the course, based on her master's thesis at Wesley Theological Seminary, to her home parish in April and May 2010.

**Minutes:** Tom Varney moved to approve vestry minutes for December 9, 2010 and January 13, 2011; seconded and passed.

**Treasurer's Report, Finance, and Stewardship:** Tom is in-putting information into the new software program and will have a report next month. At present there is \$200,416 in pledges. Our budget is \$290,000. Tom asked permission to buy a new printer for the new computer. Shirley Williams moved to buy the new printer; Nina Beran seconded; passed.

**Senior Warden's Report:** Bonnie said the church roof has been fixed. Pip Piplani said the Men of Calvary will help support the vestry with the kitchen. Bonnie asked that Shirley Williams and Nancy Daugherty continue their work with the follies during the year. Bonnie also said that Calvary's scholarships are the first item for the new Memorials chair. The applications are already in. Chuck Huber inquired about scholarship help for a post-graduate who wants to go into nursing. Members discussed other funding possibilities for her.

**Junior Warden's Report:** Bill Romoser reported that Dennis Funk is finishing work inside the church. United Way has renewed its lease at 128 N. Royal Avenue. It includes a prior agreed upon increase of \$100 per month. The feeding station for cats at Weber Hall will moved to the back side entrance. If this is a problem, office staff can help out.

**Fellowship:** Shirley Turner will continue as Fellowship Chair. She has been working on guidelines for parish hall rental. Forms will be given out next month for consideration.

**Christian Education:** Wayne has checked ad rates for the Warren County Report – two columns for \$30 every two weeks.

Next Executive Planning is Wednesday, March 2. Organization assignments, trustees report and appointments are scheduled for the next vestry meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Cobb, Register