

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

Present: Shirley Turner, Nina Beran, Wayne Barber, Bonnie Landis, Sue Cobb, Bill Romoser, Skip Barchers for report

Staff: Debbie Rutter, Jean Mary Taylor

Absent: Tom Varney, Richard Swanson, Shirley Williams

5:00 PM Opening: Debbie led with An Invitation to a Holy Lent, BCP, p. 264. Discussion centered on how our choices impact others. Lent is a time for preparation –giving up or taking on something. Regardless of age our choices are noticed by others. A special example mentioned was youth initiating healing independent of parents – showing a feeling of growth and support in taking this step.

Special Reports: Skip Barchers was present to discuss Saturday, April 9, as our annual time for cleaning the church and grounds before Easter. The schedule is so full that there is only this one day available. Work inside the church will center on carpets, cleaning pews, chandeliers, the star, beams, and lights and general grounds outside. Lunch will be available.

Minutes: Vestry minutes of February 10, 2011, were approved with one correction. Canonical was inserted to describe the declaration signed by vestry members.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Varney was absent due to illness.

Finance: Tom relayed to Debbie that we have received 81 pledges. We are 20 less than last year; however, those 20 are continuing to make payments. We will make contact to thank them and hopefully add them to our official count. We are officially a bit ahead of last year. Tom has the new printer installed and operating.

Rector's Report: Debbie reviewed the Lenten Program. Frank Baxter, Libby Harding, Marilyn Stearns, Chuck Huber, and Debbie will discuss their trips to Jerusalem and the Holy Land for the first session March 17 and will also be available between church services on Sunday. Any funds collected during the programs will be sent to the Diocese of Jerusalem and St. George's College. Jean Mary said beginning March 20 and the next three Sunday evenings there will be a movie night. This offers a choice and hopefully some will do both. Films such as Exodus will center on the Holy Land. It was decided to start at 5:00 pm with brown bag meals. We will provide drinks.

Debbie identified the vestry appointments for this year.

- Fellowship – Shirley Turner
- Memorials – Richard Swanson
- Outreach – Nina Beran, Wayne Barber
- Communication/Evangelism – Shirley Williams The Vestry will help to select the four points for services.
- Education – Wayne Barber, Jean Mary Taylor
- Stewardship – a committee of Debbie Rutter, Bonnie Landis, Tom Varney, Andrea Pinard and 1 or 2 others not on the Vestry

Debbie said next month the Trustees Report and trustee appointments will be reviewed.

Stewardship: The committee will coordinate and build on the program that is in place from this past year.

Senior Warden's Report: Bonnie had no report.

Junior Warden's Report: Bill requested approval of the \$945.00 contract with Jeff Henry who maintains our 8 air conditioners (filters, etc.) in the spring and furnaces in the fall. Bonnie moved to continue the contract, seconded, and approved. Nina mentioned a still strong odor of oil in Weber Hall. Bill will contact Mr. Lickson to see if more can be done for the odor following a leakage of oil from installing the monitoring system on the furnace. Bill also intends to use a generic local rental form for United Way. Debbie asked that he coordinate with the other business at #128. During our vestry meeting water from a storm started to leak in the back side window of the Brown Room. Bill will check into that.

Memorials: Richard Swanson was absent.

Christian Education: Wayne had no report. Jean Mary spoke about the anti-bullying article in **The Virginia Episcopalian** that quoted Debbie. The White House has sponsored a conference on the topic. Bible School will be located at Calvary this year Monday, July 18 – Friday, July 22. Shirley Turner and Dennis Henry are reviewing programs. Dennis will coordinate with the assistant pastor at the Presbyterian church. Glenn Pinard has been chosen by the Diocese to go to St. Paul for the Episcopal Youth Event in June. There are upcoming meetings for the group in Fredericksburg. Glenn plans to volunteer for work to earn funds for the \$700 trip. \$175 is already available from the Pancake Supper.

Outreach: Nina is looking forward to the year. The kitchen plans are coming along with almost a third of needed funds available. She asked for thoughts on the stove (swap for a new one?) and the refrigerator (one large commercial refrigerator?). The women noted the need for a freezer.

Fellowship: Shirley Turner has contacted church groups to provide soup for the Lenten suppers. Vestry is first. She passed out a funeral menu which is donated or standard. Special add-ons (shrimp, wine, beer) can be included at cost. A payment of \$50 was mentioned to cover electricity. Need to address outside caterers in fee payment for supplies, clean-up. It is still a work in progress.

Lay Assistant: Jean Mary had no report. She did pass out a Time/Talent compilation of responses for the vestry to have. The master sheet will be kept with Libby. Everyone was grateful for the listings!

Diocese of Virginia/Region 14: Debbie said we will wait for the Region to staff its new officers and then decide on our representatives to the Region. Skip Barchers mentioned his interest in being one of our delegates.

Old Business: Bonnie moved to raise our contribution to Region 14 by 10% - an increase of \$65. Nina seconded, and passed.

New Business: We agreed to meet at 4:00 pm on Thursday, April 14 for the next vestry meeting due to the Lenten Program. Executive planning is Wednesday, April 6. Points to cover for Sunday Morning Highlights are: April 9 Clean-Up Day, vestry assignments, funds raised thus far for the kitchen, Bible School dates July 18 – July 22, and our pledge status.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Cobb, Register