

**Calvary Episcopal Church
Minutes of Vestry Meeting
May 11, 2011**

Present: Wayne Barber, Bill Romoser, Shirley Williams, Tom Varney, Sue Cobb, Shirley Turner, Nina Beran, Bonnie Landis

Staff: Debbie Rutter, Jean Mary Taylor

Absent: Richard Swanson

5:00 PM Opening: Debbie asked us to recall moments from the Bible relating to Jesus and money. The camel and the eye of the needle, the rich man, the poor woman, the foolish man, lilies, the Temple are a few mentioned. Money is very useful. Setting a budget and worrying about meeting it should not be a focus. Our real focus is the vision for our church and giving from abundance. She ended with BCP's for the Right Use of God's Gifts.

Minutes: Tom moved the minutes from the April 14, 2011 vestry meeting be approved. Nina seconded, passed.

Treasurer's Report: Tom reported that we are holding our own with help from rental properties. Income for July and August is traditionally slow. He has paid for stonework much of which was a gift. He wants to separate utilities for each building area in the printout. #128 might need an air conditioner replacement in the coming months.

Finance: Tom spoke of trying to increase the corpus of the memorial scholarship funds to \$35,000.00 in the future. This would prevent the yearly raising of \$3000.00. Interest from the Diocese is sent each year. That along with incoming memorial funds each year up to \$3000.00 could be reserved by the treasurer. Bonnie moved that the Vestry inform the Endowment Memorial Trustees that the Treasurer will retain \$3000.00 for scholarships each year. Wayne seconded and the motion passed.

Rector's Report: Debbie said she will be in Florida for a burial and The Rev. Fritz Trumbore will supply June 5, 2011.

Debbie attended a meeting with our three bishops April 28. Bishop Johnston felt that it was time to offer a generous pastoral response for the recognition of same sex partnerships. He is urging community support for a public blessing of their committed relationship. This is to be developed locally by individual parishes. Bishop Gulick referred to the Baptismal Covenant as a guide. Each priest will consider his/her personal theology in the process with Bishop Johnston. Vestry support and congregational knowledge are important. The bishops are supportive of these services and of the locations requesting them.

June 12 is Education Recognition Sunday. Andrea Pinard will be recognized for her four-year certificate for EFM.

Stewardship: Debbie said the special committee will continue to plan.

Senior Warden's Report: Bonnie said plans for visitation are on track.

Junior Warden's Report: Bill passed out a letter from Charles Lickson thanking Calvary for the opportunity to install CavitroniX equipment. Wayne spoke to the continuing fuel odor in Weber and its effect on the health of staff. It is seeping into furnishings and into air ducts. He suggested that air ducts be cleaned at the company's expense. Bill will speak with Mr. Lickson.

Bill also informed us that Blue Ridge Opportunities did a very neat and efficient job of mowing the church grounds for \$50.00. The Men of Calvary will take care of the next two months. Tom said that the church will continue to pay Blue Ridge that fee. It is good advertising for BRO that the community sees their good work.

Memorials: In Richard's absence, Bonnie said the recipients had been chosen. Of the 163 applications, each of the three people on the committee had the same top 5. Debbie will present the award May 25 at Warren County High School. Sue Cobb will give the award at Skyline High School June 2 in Debbie's absence.

Communications: Shirley Williams and Jean Mary have been investigating www.constantcontact.com. The Diocese uses this program for e-mailing. At \$12.00 a month it offers a more efficient and attractive format for parish communications. Helen Mosher, who has worked with Episcopal Café, has been doing a Calvary Facebook page. She could possibly monitor this new program. The Northern Virginia Daily can run a ¼ ad for \$99 a year. They will place a \$30 Vacation Bible School ad when NVD does its full-page section for the area.

Christian Education: Wayne liked the pictures from the Easter egg hunt. Having more pictures of Calvary's people and activities was a good way to inform others. Jean Mary said four graduating seniors will be honored May 29. On June 12 Church School teachers will be honored. Debbie Frankel especially has been very creative this year. Dennis Henry will oversee Vacation Bible School July 18-22 beginning at 9:30 AM. Jean Mary also mentioned possible curricula - www.feastingontheword.org for adults and www.rotation.org for youth. Greg Lowden will speak to the Adult Forum June 19. He is going to spend a year in Guatemala and will work with victims of sexual violence there.

Outreach: Nina said the Women of the Church made \$1306.88 from their clothes sale. Extra clothes were sent to Alabama for tornado victims and to places here in town. People who came were really in need. Nina showed us floor samples designed for cushion and easy repair. The vestry voted earlier by e-mail to buy kitchen cabinets before the price increases. Nancy Daugherty and Shirley Williams will work on the design for the 4" tiles which Nancy will install.

Fellowship: Shirley Turner said that people are not signing up for Coffee Hour. Ideas were to mention this in Calvary This Week. Also have on hand basic cookies, chips, and drinks as fill-ins.

Lay Assistant: Jean Mary said plans have been made to visit St. John the Divine in New York City again next April. 16 youth and adults will drive up for the weekend. Funds are already available.

Diocese of Virginia/Region 14: A picnic with Bishop Gulick will be held next week.

New Business: Executive Planning is Wednesday, June 8 at 10:30 AM. Sunday Morning Highlights are the scholarship fund, kitchen cabinets, and coffee hour.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Cobb, Register