

Vestry Minutes
Calvary Episcopal Church
November10, 2011

Present: Tom Varney, Richard Swanson, Wayne Barber, Shirley Williams, Jean Mary Taylor, Sue Cobb, Shirley Turner, Nina Beran, Bill Romoser, Debbie Rutter

Absent: Bonnie Landis

5:00 PM Opening: Reflecting on “Our Spiritual Gifts” from Romans 12:1-12, we noted all have gifts and are one body in Christ. By examining our gifts we can then name and utilize them. Paul ends “Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.”

Minutes: Tom moved the minutes be approved – passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Tom said that pledges were \$7,000 for the first week in November and will help to shorten the monthly difference to around \$4,000. Nina moved approval of the report – passed.

Finance Report: Tom has received 38 pledges to date totaling slightly over \$84,000. He has seen pledges increased and new ones submitted. We have \$11,000 more than last year. He mentioned Calvary This Week’s article on stewardship being very helpful. Vestry members are being given extra pledge cards for people who might need one.

Using expenses through October, Tom reviewed the proposed 2012 budget with different increments. He pointed out a 4.20% (up .20%) for the diocesan pledge, a listing together of all salaries in the report, an increasing cost for utilities, audits, and comprehensive insurance. Comments included reviewing phone/internet costs and contacting the Trustees for the possibility of refinancing the church loan. Without staff present, the vestry voted to approve a 1.30% increase for the 2012 budget. Nina moved approval and Shirley Turner seconded the motion.

Rector’s Report: Debbie noted the following: November 6 & 12 baptisms for the Williams, Adamson, & Llewellyn families; one service only at 10:00 AM on Christmas and New Year’s Day; Bishop Gulick’s visit to Calvary October 14, 2012 in the PM time span. The Nominating Committee of Landis, Turner, & Swanson should have biographies for new vestry nominees in by November 16 for publication. The Annual Meeting is December 4. Vestry reports are also needed by November 16 for the Annual Report.

Stewardship: October 16 was the stewardship sermon and pledge cards and letter were mailed the week of October 17. November 20 is the Blessing of Pledges Received. Updates of incoming pledges will be given.

Senior Warden’s Report: Bonnie was absent but she needed an update on vestry nominees.

Junior Warden’s Report: Bill requested that trash from kitchen needs to be placed outside in time for Tuesday’s pickup. Cavitronix was at Calvary to fix a leak not associated with the spill.

Memorials: No report

Communications: Jean Mary Taylor reminded us of the NVD publishing a special page of Christmas services in the reading area at a cost of \$30.00. She will submit the dates for Calvary's seasonal events.

Christian Education: Jean Mary said the little ones are doing well. Libby Poe and Debbie Frankel will help them paint Joseph's coat this Sunday. She asked us to remind others to look at Calvary This Week, especially for adults. The website has a usage of 33%.

Outreach: Backpack material is kept in the "Hands Room." For the past two weeks they have spent \$1.40 per child. Nina said the Methodists were coming to watch the process of filling the bags. The Presbyterians are already working with E. Wilson Morrison Elementary. Sandra Varney sent a special appeal for Calvary's Christmas Shopping for families – about 25 children from Ressie Jeffries this year. Nina said there is a desire to help Lakota families with a program similar to backpacks. At this point a donation for Christmas dinner might be a beginning.

Fellowship: Shirley is planning the Pot Luck Dinner for the Annual Meeting on December 4.

Lay Assistant: The Diocesan Training for Parish Visitors has not been rescheduled as yet. Marie Pinard is our new nursery assistant.

Diocese of Virginia/Region 14: Region 14 meeting is December 6 at 7 PM in Woodstock. Annual Council Early Registration deadline, December 9, is less expensive.

Old Business: Be prepared for potential questions concerning the kitchen project and a Cavitronix year-end report at the Annual Meeting.

New Business: Vestry planning is Wednesday, November 30 at 10:30 AM. Sunday morning highlights are: pledge cards, Backpack Buddies, Christmas Shopping, and Dennis' Thanksgiving needs.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Cobb, Register