

ReVision Task Force

Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2007

The meeting was convened at 1:11 PM by the Chair, Mark DeMichele, following an opening prayer by Fr. Ron Jaynes. The following Revision Task Force (RTF) members were in attendance: Fr. Jaynes, Betty LeMoyne, Sarah Stump, Laura Deitrick, Tami Sandke, Mark DeMichele, Bill Huck, Jo Hunsaker, Cyndi McCleary, Canon Jenny Vervynck, Steve Crawford, and Sam Ward.

Purpose: The purpose of the meeting was review strategic ReVision themes developed at the last RTF meeting, and modify them as appropriate, to ensure that all RTF members are comfortable with the results. The updated Additional goals were to develop a vision statement for Christ Church, based on the inputs received from the fifteen parish Reflection Session groups, and then craft actionable mission statements to implement the vision at Christ Church.

Discussion of the Strategic ReVision Themes: Mark invited Fr. Jaynes to describe the Vestry's actions taken since the RTF published strategic themes using the SWEEPS model. Fr. Jaynes reported that the Vestry has re-organized parish ministries along the lines of the strategic ministries outlined by the RTF, and that they are awaiting the final RTF report to use as a basis for outlining each parish ministry's goals and organizational tenets.

Mark then asked all RTF members to reflect on the work of the last meeting, and offer any additions, deletions and/or modifications to those strategic ReVision themes, so as to ensure that everyone can feel comfortable with the final product that will emerge. To do this, all reviewed each of the six strategic ministry areas and made numerous comments. All were captured and published as an attachment to these minutes, with changes tracked to permit easy identification of all additions and deletions.

Upon completion of this activity, Mark noted that all be asked to review the corrections, and the final version will be turned over to a small writing committee of Jo Hunsaker and Laura Deitrick to develop the first draft of a ReVision report. Canon Vervynck provided a copy of a completed RTF report for use as a reference.

Mark also asked the RTF to reflect on the updated strategic ReVision themes and come to the next meeting prepared to develop a proposed one year plan for the parish. Fr. Jaynes noted that it would be helpful for the RTF to see Pat Roane's presentation on J2A, to allow an understanding of how existing Christian education efforts can be folded into the one year plan.

Developing Vision/Mission Statements: Mark next led the group in developing a vision. The existing mission statement was felt to be too generic, and not really articulating anything specific about Christ Church. The group was asked to identify the key concepts that each member gleaned from participating in parish Reflection Session groups, and in distilling outputs from all the Reflection Sessions. Several words were written on a board, and, when all had a chance to offer their most salient thoughts, each member voted for the three most important concepts on the board. The voting produced significant consensus for "spiritual," "caring," and "welcoming." Considerable discussion followed that brought out some other concepts that were emphasized in many Reflection Sessions, such as being Christ-centered, retaining the Episcopal tradition, being a learning community and others. The following vision statement emerged from the process: "Christ Church is a welcoming, learning, and caring community, worshipping and serving Christ in the Episcopal tradition."

At this point, the group elected to adjourn, rather than pressing on to develop mission statements in support of the vision.

Wrap-up: Mark charged the group to come to the next meeting prepared to develop a one year plan, based on the revised strategic ReVision themes, and to develop mission statements to support the vision produced today. In addition, the group will be asked to discuss mechanisms for communicating the vision and mission drafts to the parish. After some discussion a meeting date of March 4, 2007 was selected for the next meeting.

The next RTF meeting will take place on Sunday, March 4, 2007 at 1 PM, for about two hours.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Ward, Meeting Monitor
February 26, 2007

Attachment: Draft Updated Strategic ReVision Themes (2/25/2007) - 2 pages

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