

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Minutes for
October 16, 2011 Vestry meeting

- I. OPENING PRAYER:** The Rector offered a prayer, and the meeting was called to order by Senior Warden, Betty Le Moyne, at 11:40 AM. Vestry members Terry Farrelly and Tom Morelli were absent and excused.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Betty Le Moyne.* Minutes from the September 18, 2011 Vestry meeting were approved as submitted.
- III. OFFICER REPORTS**
- a. Senior Warden:** *Betty Le Moyne.*
- i. Betty reported that the chair of the Audit Committee is currently out of the country. The audit is completed, and the report is being refined. The report will be released in November.
 - ii. A recent article in the Wall Street Journal concerning excommunication and the Episcopal Church was responded to by Bishop Mathes. A copy of both pieces will be sent to Vestry members.
- b. Junior Warden:** *Jo Hunsaker.*
- i. Jo reported that complaints about the new service music are diminishing.
- c. Treasurer:** *Betty Le Moyne for Terry Farrelly.*
- i. Through September, unrestricted operating receipts ran higher than forecast from the mid-year budget revision, and operational expenses were lower than forecast at the mid-year budget revision.
- d. Clerk:** No report.
- IV. STAFF REPORTS**
- a. Rector's Report:** *Rev. Edward Harrison.*
- i. The Rector expressed his thanks and appreciation for Rev. Terry Dirbas' strong performance during the Rector's recent absence. He also noted that the congregation provided loving support to bereaved families during the recent spate of parishioner deaths.
- b. Associate Rector Report:** *Rev. Terry Dirbas.*
- i. The Associate Rector reported that the new Youth Group arrangements are working well, with the Middle School group running more than 10 children. There are 7-8 children signed up for confirmation classes. Charlette Preslar is

doing a great job with this group. The High School group activities are going well with the new leadership arrangement announced in August.

V. CANONICAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. **Property:** *Mark DeMichele.*

- i. St. Clare's Cottage (SCC) – work is complete, save a few minor items to be fixed this coming week. The City has imposed several additional specifications on the dumpster enclosure, including a cement pad. This will raise the cost of the enclosure to about \$6,500. The enclosure will be completed this next week. The City will not issue a certificate of occupancy until the dumpster enclosure is signed off. Mark suggested a parish open house for SCC be scheduled in about two weeks.
- ii. Proposed Campus Changes(from the Master Facilities Planning Committee)
 1. The committee worked for a year to develop plans to meet the church's expressed future needs. Analysis of building a new facility across C Ave showed the costs were more than we could afford. Plans to expand the existing parish hall proved to be not cost effective and involved very complicated permitting.
 2. The committee's best option is to construct an extension wing onto the current Day School building. Mark provided details of the plan, including a 3-D mock-up of the campus with the new structure, which the Vestry discussed. All current Day School space issues are resolved with the new structure, and the school security is significantly upgraded. The available space to mingle during after service fellowship is reduced; however, Mark pointed out that any plan will necessarily involve some compromise.
 3. With the new school structure, the 901 C Ave building would potentially be available for church use. However, the building's condition will have to be evaluated at that time, and it may require rebuilding to permit usage.
- iii. Capital Campaign – Mark estimated that part of the preparations for the capital campaign will be the prioritization of the projects, once they are fully defined and cost estimated.

b. **Finance:** No report. Previously covered by the Senior Warden.

c. **Stewardship:** *Rob Taylor.*

- i. Rob reported that a successful Pony Express kick-off meeting with the Trail Bosses and Station Agents was held on October 15, and that the pledge drive is underway. About 230 parishioners will be on Pony Express trails this year, and about 60 families will receive letters by their request or because their locations were not practical to include in Pony Express trails.

d. **Day School:** *Tami Sandke.*

- i. No report, since the school board meeting is scheduled for October 17.

VI. MINISTRY REPORTS

a. None

VII. OLD BUSINESS: None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

a. The Service Ministry is working to set up a variety of projects that many parishioner groups can undertake on Christ the King Sunday (November 20). However, that is also the date set for the next Vestry meeting. After discussion, the Vestry agreed to change the next meeting to November 13. Sarah noted that food bags for Thanksgiving will be packed that Sunday, following the 10 AM service, so it may be prudent to plan to start the Vestry meeting a bit later that day.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:18 PM, after a prayer by the Associate Rector.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Ward
Acting Clerk