

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Vestry Minutes
October 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Edward Harrison, Rector, at 11:40 A.M. with a prayer for our mission. All Vestry members were present. Barbara De Michele was also present to deliver a report from the Christian Formation Ministry.

Minutes of the 9.20.09 Vestry Meeting: *Suzie Heap.* It was moved Harrison/Morris to approve the September Vestry minutes as E-mailed.

Parish Ministry Report: Christian Formation: *Barbara DeMichele.* There are currently a variety of offerings for the Sunday 9:00 A.M. hour. The ministry is looking for help finding options for families. Rite 13 needs adult help. Karen Ketts needs another adult or two to be active with this group. Journey to Adulthood meets every other Wednesday. Barbara said that in a week there would be a meeting with the youth group leaders at the Methodist and Presbyterian churches. Possibly a joint youth group could be formed. Our youth will participate at an Easter Party in Glendale with the Iraqi and Iranian Christian Orthodox group there. The Youth Program needs support from the Vestry to find 4 – 6 adults who feel comfortable around teenagers. Barbara will not be able to go much further if she doesn't get help. Men's Bible Study, Thursday Bible Study and Wonderful Wednesdays are moving right along. Barbara was thanked for her quarterly report.

OFFICER REPORTS

Senior Warden: *Mark DeMichele.* Mark has a Vestry sign-up sheet for Sunday duty. On duty Vestry member will be stationed in front of Hinde Hall following both the 8:00 10:00 services. The duty list will be added to the Sunday Bulletin. Mark asked Vestry members to let him know if they are unable serve on their duty date. Mark is looking into the Vestry member having a distinguishing badge or something that parishioners can easily recognize.

There will be two meetings with CCDS: October 31st from 8:30 until Noon Vestry and CCDS will meet with Serena Beeks. The purpose of this meeting is to gain knowledge for meaningful and collaborative planning with the church and school. The second meeting will be held November 16th at 7:00 P.M. This will be a business session. Input is invited for the agenda. Mark will meet with Nancy Roberts and Karen Vogel to finalize the agenda. There will be quarterly meetings with the church and Nancy and Karen from CCDS.

Junior Warden: *Betty LeMoyne* Betty announced dates for the following Parish Ministry Reports: October – Christian Formation; November – Service; December – Evangelism.

Operation Showers of Appreciation: Operation Showers of Appreciation is a national 501 c3 organization. Christ Church parishioners were generous for this project. Over \$4000 was raised in a week for gifts for the 14 mothers to be who are Marine Corps and

Navy wives. Edy Denny, Barbara White and many good women of the church turned out to make the event a big success. It was a very uplifting event and the kind of outreach to the military we have wanted to do for a long time. We will be setting up another such event for next year.

Betty gave a report on the nominating committee for next year's Vestry. It was moved DeMichele/Gibbons to approve the Nominating Committee of Sam Ward, Walt Heinecke, David Hopkins, Carleen Gibbons, Don McCleary and Betty LeMoyne.

The October Parish Fellowship gathering will be held on October 22nd at McP's Irish Pub and Grill.

Budget: *Don McCleary* Don presented and explained the Budget Draft for 2010 for Vestry to study.. On November 1, there will be a Vestry budget input meeting at 11:30 A.M., directly after the 10:00 service. Currently, as of 9/30/09, we are above on receipts and below on expenses. Investments are up.

Clerk: *Suzie Heap*. A very nice thank you note was sent by Terry Mathes, the Bishop's wife, for our donation given to aid Dorcas House in its work. The note was read by Fr. Harrison.

Rector's Report: *Edward Harrison*. Edward announced that our Deacon, Ken Simon's ordination to the priesthood will be held on December 19th at 10:00 A.M.

Edward complimented the outreach of the Gather 'Round the Table Wine & Cheese gatherings. He has seen many signs of health and help for our church.

There will be follow-up on the auditor's report. A final report will be in to Vestry at the November 15th, Vestry meeting.

CANONICAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planned Giving: *Vicki Morris*. Planned. Giving is on the back burner until after the Pledge Campaign. However, the Church's website is being changed from "Pledges and Donations" on the homepage to "Stewardship" on the homepage. "Stewardship" will then link to: "Pledges and Donations", "Planned Giving" and "Time and Talent." The "Planned Giving" section has been written and includes the Endowment Fund and Legacy Circle. Following the Pledge Season, which runs from late September until Thanksgiving, there will be E-Blasts about Planned Giving.

Property: *Frank Gibbons*. A Property Committee meeting will be held the first week in November. There will be a Parish Work Day November 21st in preparation of the December 6th visitation from the Bishop.

Stewardship: *Terry Farrelly*. The Gather 'Round the Table meetings are going well. The gatherings so far have had from 7 to 17 parishioners attending... Open and frank conversation has been held. Pledges are up.

Personnel: *Phil Hunsake.r* Position Descriptions are being reviewed in preparation for Performance Reviews. Salary increases are tied to Performance Reviews. There will be a Personnel Meeting, Wednesday, October 28th.

Day School: *Kathleen Ireland.* Kathleen reminded Vestry of the Saturday morning October 31st Serena Beech Workshop mentioned in the Senior Warden's Report above.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Randy Bradford, our weekend sexton, has resigned. A short term replacement will fill in through December.

Vestry signed off for Ken Simon's ordination.

Someone is needed to actively campaign for adult volunteers for leadership roles for the youth programs. We are relying too heavily on Barbara, Karen and Kathy. They need others to help.

Important November and December dates were given for Vestry member's calendars.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with a prayer offered by our Deacon, Ken Simon, at 12:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzie Heap
Clerk