

Calvary Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2013
Crook Auditorium

Vestry Present: Alex Wise, Hall Gardner, Rose Johnston, Bob O'Connor, James Dowd, Charles Shipp, Clay Woemmel, Brett Norman, Alison Boeving, Mike Nelson, Allison Parker, Drew Smith, Leslie Smith

Others Present: Rev. Chris Girata, Rev. Ben Robertson, Rev. Eyleen Farmer, Peg Wahl, Terre Sullivant

Call to Order: Rev. Chris Girata called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Rev. Eyleen Farmer opened the meeting with prayer.

Treasurer's Report: Peg Wahl presented the January '13 comparison Actual to Budget. Ideally, 1/12 of the budget, or 8.33%, is used each month. Pledges are currently below budget, but it is not unusual for this time of year. Peg reported that Katie Owen and Dee Wallace are doing a great job of cleaning up the books and getting them in order. February and March financials will be available at the April vestry meeting. The treasurer's report was accepted by a unanimous vote.

Working Group Reports:

Binding Us Together: Alex Wise, team leader, reported that the committee met to discuss its priority of preparing parishioners for ministry. They are focusing on small group formation, asking such questions as "what is a small group?" and "how do we stimulate them?" They will meet again to discuss children's formation and arts for youth.

Doing and Supporting: Team leader Bob O'Connor reported that his committee would meet after this vestry meeting. His committee is the "supply side," the "doing side" of ministry. One of the programs they will examine is the Lenten Preaching Series and its future.

Using Our Inheritance: Hall Gardner, team leader, reported that the buildings and grounds committee is working on a list of priorities, which tends to change, depending on urgent need. For example, the air conditioning system need repair before summer. They will start allocating funds to this and other projects. In the area of development and communication, an online version of The Chronicle will be developed. Chris Girata reported a new website design, as well as a redesign of The Chronicle is under consideration. There was a discussion of the importance of easily finding online information about Calvary's services and events.

Clergy Reports:

Rev. Eyleen Farmer: Eyleen shared one of the “hidden” stories of the pastoral care team, which is comprised of some the unsung heroes of Calvary. A discussion of how to recognize these vital people and attract others to this ministry ensued. A “ blessing of the hands” was suggested. Eyleen said her committee was ready to do more and that a training day was needed. A new Grief Support Group is scheduled for the spring, as well as an evaluation of the Lenten Preaching Series and a plan for its future. Eyleen distributed a written report.

Rev. Ben Robertson: Ben presented the worship schedule for Holy Week. There will be three services on Easter Sunday. He distributed a written report.

Rev. Chris Girata:

- Chris complemented Eyleen and the staff on a successful Lenten Preaching Series, which he described as “fun, sacred chaos.” He has received good feedback on the speakers.
- There will be a fundraising concert for the Church Health Center at Calvary on April 18.
- Calvary has a new contract with ISS, a facility maintenance company, which is providing an excellent service and allowing the sextons to be more focused on specific duties.
- There will be new plantings in the front and back of the church.
- The planned Klan march on Saturday, March 30, is not expected to disrupt Calvary’s evening service at 7 p.m. Our parking lot will be closed during the day with a sign inviting people to the service that evening. Calvary will be part of an ad with other agencies, asking the public to ignore the Klan’s activities. There will an article urging people to end the day in worship at Calvary.
- Chris thanked the new working groups of the vestry who are addressing the church we are becoming.

Warden’s Reports:

Alex Wise: Alex commented on the excitement surrounding the Lenten Preaching Series. The Warden’s Meeting will take place on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:15 a.m.

Hall Gardner: Hall reported that Dee Wallace has volunteered her services for three months to help Katie Owen clean up the books. Calvary is in need of a part-time bookkeeper/accountant to work three days a week, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. He asked for any recommendations for this position.

Old Business: There was a discussion of the renewed use of the Tom Parrish gavel and the wooden cross during vestry meetings as tangible symbols of God’s presence.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terre Sullivant, Clerk

