

Calvary Episcopal Church  
Vestry Meeting Minutes  
June 16, 2015  
Crook Auditorium

**Vestry Present:** David Leigh, Nicky Hitching, Leslie Smith, Hall Gardner, Mike Nelson, Terre Sullivant, Raymond Spence, Allison Parker, Alison Boeving, Julie Bethell, Claudia Haltom, Fred Piper, Celeste Herburger

**Others Present:** Rev. Chris Girata, Rev. Eyleen Farmer, Katie Owen

**Call to Order:** Rev. Chris Girata called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the May vestry meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Katie Owen distributed budget and balance sheets. She reported that pledges are coming in on or ahead of schedule and that we remain in good financial shape.

**Clergy Report:** Rev. Eyleen Farmer reported that the 2016 LPS schedule is close to being finalized. She announced that good progress has been made with Friends of Thistle Farms; a strategic plan is being formed and more information will be available to the parish in the fall. Eyleen also reported that Calvary hosted the sixth Lives Worth Saving and that ongoing volunteer training to support this ministry will be offered three to four times yearly, in an effort to improve the program.

**Rector's Report:** Rev. Chris Girata announced that Judy Stark, an "Episcopal Clergy head hunter," is assisting Calvary in our search for a new associate rector. The job description for this position is quite specific; the profile for the job will be circulated at the General Convention. Chris expects good responses in the upcoming eight weeks. Since a new associate would not be likely to start until fall 2015 at the earliest, Chris reported that he may contract with a formation consultant for 2-3 months to coordinate formation for the upcoming school year.

Chris urged the vestry working groups to have digital conversations before the August vestry meeting to develop additional actionable goals, directed by priorities set during May Mutual Ministry Review discussions.

Chris announced that the columbarium renovation is complete. Landscaping is to take place on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. New plantings will be maintained by the landscaping crew, who already cares for all of the grounds. There are some plaques in the courtyard without niches behind them. These are available to be memorial plaques for people who are interred elsewhere. As of now there are 80 plaques

available and 19 spaces (each space can hold the remains of two people) available for purchase. ~~Spaces~~ Niches are \$3,000.00 each.

The Administration Group has a meeting with the Episcopal Church Foundation consultants on June 23, 2015. They have already met with Arnault. At the August vestry meeting, the Administration Group plans to have a recommendation for the vestry of consultants for the Capital Campaign and a suggestion from the Building and Grounds Committee of plans for approval. Plans are to include mission-oriented improvements and will also include needed organ renovation.

Chris explained that \$289,000.00 from Meg Turner's estate has been left up to the vestry's discretion and presented a request that \$20,000.00 be dedicated to the Marcus Borg Fund, which was founded by Frank Jones to perpetuate a leadership speaker in LPS. Fred Piper moved that the vestry allocate \$20,000.00 from Meg Turner's estate gift to the Marcus Borg Fund. Nikki Hitching seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Claudia Haltom moved that the vestry vote to have Donovan Smith fill Chad Cunningham's vacant spot. Leslie Smith seconded the motion. Donovan Smith was unanimously elected to fill Chad's spot for the remainder of his term.

**Old Business:** Allison Parker gave the following report on ministry groups within the parish:

- Greeters – Clay Woemmel will be heading up this ministry in the fall. He is finishing his dissertation and is ready to sit down with Chris to organize.
- Shepherds – Chris commissioned the initial group last month. Clay is also on board for this but has not yet had a chance to be trained.
- Foyers -Kendra Martin is ready for a successor as soon as one can be identified. She feels the ministry is and could be a viable one, but she does not have the time and energy to devote to it.
- Young Adult Ministries - Chris has identified a couple he would like to see shepherd this ministry. They have already hosted an event and it was full of energy. They need to be approached.
- OPUS - Liz Browne has taken this on and has changed the names to ROMEO and JULIETs. Their first outings have occurred. She is now the touch person for this ministry.
- Calvary Place - Our contact at Calvary Place is Debbie Kallaher who attends weekly staff meetings and will keep us apprised of ministry opportunities there.

- Grizzlies Academy - spoke to Margaret McLean who wants to continue her weekly tutoring and ministry there and also identified many opportunities for our parish to become engaged. She mentioned that our touch person there is Ashley Edge whom we met earlier this year at one of our vestry meetings. Margaret would defer to Ashley as the contact for Grizzlies Prep.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Herburger for ~~C~~Katie Thacker