

Calvary Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2013
Crook Auditorium

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

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

Call to Order: Rev. Chris Girata called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Rev. Chris Girata opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the May 21 vestry meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Katie Owen presented the actual and year-to-date budget. We are running slightly over in expenses due to overages in security, lay salaries (one-time severance pay-outs) and printing. Printing expenses will decrease; printing is now being done in-house and future issues of the Chronicle will be published online. Outreach grants show an overage because they are front-loaded in the first half of the year; this will be made up over the rest of the year. The treasurer's report was approved.

Working Group Reports:

Chris reported that Phase III planning reports from the Strategic Planning Committee are completed. Over 100 people were invited to participate in small group meetings, resulting in the compilation of a priority list for the future of the church that will help the vestry make strategic decisions. Chris urged the vestry to refer to this document in their working groups.

Binding Us Together: Alex Wise, team leader, reported that the Adult Christian Formation Committee is currently planning a year-long curriculum to begin in the fall. They are working on small group formation as well. The idea of weaving lay ministry into the stewardship campaign has been addressed; a decision has been made to defer this for a year in order to teach parishioners more about ministry and help them discern what their ministry is. An adult Bible study and a children's offering are available this summer. Chris explained the lack of a full schedule of summer programming pertains to this summer only. The formation committees are using this time to plan ahead for a major roll-out of classes this fall. Eyleen stated the goal is to create programming that has more cohesion and intentionality. Its thrust is formation for ministry, which is new, and therefore requires much thinking, planning and preparation. A discussion of Sunday services and Sunday school times followed.

Doing and Supporting: Team leader Bob O'Connor reported that a job description is being created for a ministries coordinator; it is the hope to hire this person in the next few months. The coordinator will provide a strong structure for the execution of our ministries. Bob led a discussion concerning Calvary's contribution to the Diocesan World Mission. We currently give over 10% of our budget, the biggest contribution in the Diocese. It was suggested that Hall Gardner's working group study this issue and make recommendations. Bob also reported that his group is working with the outreach committee to consider modifying how grants are distributed. Currently, Calvary writes \$135,000 in checks to organizations without necessarily having much parishioner involvement.

Using Our Inheritance: Hall Gardner, team leader, reported on the buildings and grounds projects that are beginning. The loan documents to finance these projects are near finalization. His group will meet with the finance committee to begin planning for the 2014 budget and the stewardship campaign.

Clergy Reports:

Rev. Eyleen Farmer: Eyleen announced that a new counselor is coming to the Samaritan Center and she is looking for ways to introduce her to Calvary's parishioners and make the Samaritan Center more visible in the parish. The counselor's specialty is children and youth. Eyleen reported that Calvary's pastoral care program continues to function well, and Idlewild Presbyterian Church would like to duplicate our program. She discussed the possibility of partnering with other congregations for special events.

Rev. Chris Girata: Chris reported that volunteers Madge Clark and Margaret Gardner are examining Calvary's stewardship and planned giving programs in an effort to expand these programs. Work is beginning on some buildings and grounds projects this summer. July 14 is Tim Hagy's last Sunday at Calvary, and our new Organist/Choirmaster, Kristin Lensch, will begin August 4. The music department offices will move to the third floor (the choir will continue to rehearse in Crook Auditorium on Wednesdays), and children and youth and EYC offices will move to the second floor. Steering committees are being formed for Communications and for Marketing and Promotions.

Warden Report:

Alex Wise: Alex expressed his excitement over the excellent work of the working groups and the exciting big ideas coming out of them. He announced that Giles Coors, chair of the Endowment Committee, will speak to the vestry at its August meeting about the endowment's investments.

Old Business: None

New Business: Sam Cole expressed his concern over cars that park in the alley behind Calvary. He suggested the "no parking" law be enforced. Brett Norman suggested we acknowledge the pastoral care committee at a service in the fall, which was discussed at a previous meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terre Sullivant, Clerk