

Calvary Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2013
Crook Auditorium

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

Others Present: Rev. Chris Girata, Rev. Ben Robertson, Giles Coors, 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.

Approval of Minutes: The approval of the minutes from the July 16 vestry meeting was delayed until all members of the vestry can view them on Basecamp. Digital voting will be within two days.

Endowment Report: Endowment Committee Chairman Giles Coors reported on the history and purpose of the committee. The committee is a separate entity from the Church and works as a steward of the church's endowment and strives to grow it as best as it can. The endowment is currently slightly over \$8 million. The endowment sends \$31,000 a month to the church. Giles stated that the committee seeks more contributions through estate planning and planned giving.

Treasurer's Report: Katie Owen reported that Calvary is moving in the right direction financially. The total expense line on the balance sheet is an improvement over last year by over \$100,000. We will make budget by the end of the year. The treasurer's report was approved.

Working Group Reports:

Binding Us Together: Team Leader Alex Wise was not present but submitted a written report. He expressed excitement over Calvary's Christian formation, reported progress in small group formation, and commented on the good coordination between the children and adult formation groups.

Doing and Supporting: Team leader Bob O'Connor reported that their work is related to all outreach groups with the exception of the Lenten Preaching Series. By November, his committee hopes to bring to the vestry recommendations concerning how the church funds outreach projects. The hope is to change the history of merely writing checks to projects to one of more parishioner involvement.

Using Our Inheritance: Team Leader Hall Gardner was not present, but Chris Girata reported on his behalf that the committee is working on the concept of “cost centers” for budgeting purposes. Understanding “cost centers,” such as ministries, programs, etc., will be helpful in evaluating priorities. A report is expected next month.

Clergy Reports:

Rev Ben Robertson: Ben reported on various on-going projects: the launch of Kristin, our new organist and choirmaster; the start-up of Sunday School with the help of Hilary Chipley and Nicole Selzer; the work with Eyleen on adult education. He reported that small groups will be launching soon.

Rev. Chris Girata: Chris distributed a letter to Bishop Johnson, to be signed by the vestry, to present Hester Mathes for the Priesthood. He reported that he is looking into options for replacing Ellen Coleman. He feels good about the teen program; there are very strong volunteers in the middle school program but more are needed for the entire program. A discussion about using college students as volunteers took place. Chris discussed some budget concerns: it has been determined that revenues will not be as high as budgeted, so in 2014, inflated revenues must be adjusted and items in the budget must be shifted. We need to re-prioritize the things we do and how we spend money. Chris also reported that a Giving Council has been formed and that Madge Clark is examining giving among our parishioners.

Old Business: None

New Business: Vestry members not present at this meeting will have the opportunity to sign the letter to the Bishop in support of Hester Mathes.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terre Sullivant, Clerk