

Calvary Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2013
Crook Auditorium

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

Others Present: Rev. Chris Girata, Rev. Ben Robertson, Katie Owen, Terre Sullivant

Call to Order: Rev. Chris Girata called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Rev. Ben Robertson opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the September 17 vestry meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Katie Owen presented the income statement through September, pointing out that the finances are in line. The first draft from Calvary's endowment has been drawn for needed repairs to the physical plant. The nave will be completed by November 1; the roof will be the next big project. The treasurer's report was approved.

Working Group Reports:

Binding Us Together: Team Leader Alex Wise reported that he remains pleased with Adult Christian Formation and its offerings. Youth and children's programs, as well as small groups, are going well. The Wednesday evening Alpha class may morph into a small group. Chris is leading a bible study for young women on Wednesday mornings. A Servant Leadership class is meeting on Wednesday nights.

Doing and Supporting: Team leader Bob O'Connor said that his committee will become more active after the budget vote. There remains a desire to combine grants and outreach and to identify a single compelling outreach ministry to energize the parish and focus where Calvary can make a truly significant impact. Work is being done on filling a ministry coordinator position.

Using Our Inheritance: Team Leader Hall Gardner reported that anticipated stewardship revenue is unclear but everyone is working hard to make the campaign a success. Stewardship brochures and pledge cards were passed out to the vestry.

Hub Report: Alex Wise reported that The Hub has paid what is owed to Calvary through August. The Hub board is looking into financing the needed repairs to the building. Chris reported that The Hub will move off of our payroll system January 1. Alex and Chris have asked them for a business plan to help discern their future.

Clergy Reports:

Ben Robertson: Ben reported that 50 people will be attending the Family Retreat. He described Calvary's Halloween activities, Trunk or Treat and Monster Mash.

Chris Girata: Chris reported that the stewardship parties were going well. This year's stewardship campaign is more intentional, with captains and callers and personal contacts made with parishioners. He also reported that Calvary Place will pay the church more rent next year, and it is looking at ways to cut expenses. Bishop Johnson will visit Calvary on November 3 and attend the November 19 vestry meeting.

Warden's Report:

Alex Wise discussed budget recommendations, including proposed reductions and changes to the budget in order to cut the \$171,000 necessary to balance it. Hopefully, revenue will allow us to grow more. The vestry voted to approve the recommendations. It was agreed that Calvary will continue the reduced Diocesan contribution in 2015 and 2016. A discussion of working more closely with the Diocese took place. Alex asked the Vestry to consider increasing their pledges for 2014.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terre Sullivant, Clerk