

Calvary Episcopal Church  
Vestry Meeting Minutes  
July 17, 2012  
Crook Auditorium

**Vestry Present:** Gary Wilson, John Pruett, Jerry Stiles, Lucia Crenshaw, Bob O'Connor, Charles Shipp, Clay Woemmel, Drew Smith, Desi Franklin, Alex Wise and Brett Norman.

**Vestry Absent:** Rose Johnston, Hall Gardner, Dana Sue Percer and Sam Cole.

**Others Present:** Reverend Ben Robertson, Peg Wahl and Brenda Johnson.

**Call to Order:** Gary Wilson called the meeting or order at 6:00 PM.

**Bible Study:** Bob O'Connor

**Minutes:** The June 17, 2012 vestry meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Peg Wahl presented the treasurer's report. The vestry discussed how pledge collection affects the church's budget. Pledge statements are being generated and mailed to parishioners over the course of the summer. The report was approved.

**Children and Youth Council:** Rev. Ben Robertson reported that the Children and Youth Council chaired by Nicole Seltzer has been doing an outstanding job. Sunday School teachers will be starting to use basecamp to coordinate the ministry. A Sunday School Kickoff will be held on August 26 and classes will officially begin on September 9. The search for an interim Children and Youth Director has been suspended. The plan is to negotiate with someone to be a one year temporary C&Y Director. A new search for a permanent C&Y Director will begin in early 2013.

**Rector Transition:** Alex Wise presented the transition schedule for Calvary's new Rector, Chris Girata. On August 3, Chris arrives. August 5 is Interim Rev. Philip Wiehe's last Sunday and a reception in his honor will be held following the 10:30 service. August 19 is Rev. Girata's first official Sunday. On September 9 Rev. Girata will teach the adult Sunday School Class. A Celebration of New Ministry Service will be held for Rev. Girata on September 20. Rev. Girata will be teaching four Sunday school classes in the fall schedule. A block party/barbeque is being considered for September 21 as a part of Calvary's evangelism in downtown Memphis. The Transition Team consisting of Alex Wise, Ebet Peoples, Clay Woemmel, Lucia Crenshaw, Terre Sullivant, Robyn Mauldin, Rev. Ben Robertson, Tommy Parker, and Bob O'Connor has been meeting to plan assistance with all aspects of welcoming and introducing Rev. Girata to Calvary and Memphis.

**Security:** The vestry discussed security concerns, especially in light of a recent break in at Calvary. A church security committee composed of Charles Shipp, Brenda Johnson, Chris Bird and John Jones was formed. The committee will review security information compiled by former vestry member, Mark Johnson, who previously chaired the Buildings and Grounds Committee for Calvary. Charles Shipp will report back at the next vestry meeting and Gary Wilson will follow up on security concerns.

**Ministry Evaluation:** Bob O'Connor presented the final version of the ministry evaluations forms and requested that vestry liaisons have them completed by July 27. These evaluations will be used in the budgeting process led by Hall Gardner in August.

**Annual Giving:** Gary Wilson asked for suggestions for leadership for this fall's Calvary Annual Giving Campaign.

**Bell Tower Update:** John Pruett reported on the bell tower renovation. The work on the top part of the tower is finished. The project remains under budget and completion is scheduled by August 5.

**Old Business:** Brenda Johnson reported the church auditors finished today. She gave a brief security report.

**New Business:** John Pruett notified the vestry that the air conditioner is out in the HUB property facing Jefferson Avenue and owned by Calvary. With temperatures reaching 100 degrees, the HUB is in jeopardy of closing until the AC can be repaired. An inspection has revealed serious damage on the roof of the building that could cause a dangerous collapse. A motion was made to move the HUB to the vacant church property located at 82 North Second on a month to month basis while the broken AC equipment is removed from the roof and the roof is repaired at a cost of no more than \$5000. The motion was approved. Further research will be done on replacing the AC equipment for the Jefferson Avenue property. AA meetings held at Calvary could be moved into the new HUB location.

Desi Franklin reported that Waffle Shop made a \$7400 profit, a 65% increase over 2011. Waffle Shop is seeking a waitress recruitment chair.

Rev. Ben Robertson updated the vestry on the worship schedule. Jan Elam recently met with the staff to review the worship schedule survey and develop a new Sunday worship schedule. Starting August 19 there will be a service at 8 AM and 10 AM with Sunday School at 11 AM, and on September 9 a worship service will be added at 5 PM.

**For the Good of the Order:** Jerry Stiles praised Mary O'Brien's for her work in the Calvary kitchen. Bob O'Connor, Rev. Ben Robertson and Robyn Mauldin have done an excellent job on Rev. Chris Girata's welcoming video. Tim Hagey's music has been

well received. Alex Wise was thanked for meeting with Calvary parishioners living at Trezevant Manor to update them on what's going on at Calvary.

**Closing Prayer:** Rev. Ben Robertson

**Adjournment:** Gary Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucia Crenshaw, Clerk