

Calvary Episcopal Church  
Vestry Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2012  
Crook Auditorium

**Vestry Present:** Gary Wilson, Jerry Stiles, Dana Sue Percer, Lucia Crenshaw, Sam Cole, John Pruett, Drew Smith, Alex Wise, Hall Gardner, Bob O'Connor, Charles Shipp and Clay Woemmel.

**Vestry Absent:** Desi Franklin, Brett Norman and Rose Johnston.

**Others Present:** Reverend Chris Girata, Reverend Ben Robertson, Cap Pinkham, Brenda Johnson, Peg Wahl and Anne Percer.

**Call to Order:** Rev. Girata called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Calvary Church Prayer:** Rev. Chris Girata

**Treasurer's Report:** Peg Wahl presented the October financial report and financial projections for year-end. The treasurer's report was approved.

**Budget and Finance/Stewardship:** Hall Gardner reviewed a draft of the Calvary budget for 2013 stressing that this is not a final document. Discussion was held on church income and expenses covering all ministries and maintenance issues. Final numbers for the budget are subject to the stewardship campaign. The budget and finance team feel that the pledge drive is on track based on those who pledged last year. There has been one phone-a-thon and there will be another one scheduled to call on parishioners who have not pledged for 2013. Vestry members were asked to review the draft of the budget and direct all questions regarding it to Hall Gardner on basecamp. The final budget will be presented to the Vestry at the December meeting.

**Clergy Reports:** Rev. Ben Robertson distributed his clergy report and one by Rev. Eyleen Farmer. These were also posted on basecamp. Special notes included:

- Christmas Children's Pageant on Dec. 23 at 10 am, Christmas Eve Family Service at 4 pm, Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at 11 pm, and Christmas Day Service at 10 am.
- Sunday School attendance is up 200% higher than last year.
- The Genesis Maker Lab will finish the dice Jesus (don't miss it) and the children will bake cookies for the Emmanuel Meal.
- Advent Festival on Wednesday, November 28.
- Booksellers at Laurelwood will have signings for LPS speakers.

Rev. Girata presented the dates for Vestry meetings for 2013 and canvassed the returning Vestry members regarding the dates of the Vestry retreat. The retreat will remain on a Friday evening-Saturday schedule.

- Nominations for the Vestry will close on November 14 with ten nominees likely from whom five will be elected.
- The Diocesan Convention will be held this week.
- Classrooms will be moved around starting in January. The Sunday adult forum will be held in the Crook Auditorium and the choir will rehearse in the church sanctuary.
- A Bizarre Bazaar will be held on December 16 to sell an assortment of items from the Calvary attic.
- Vestry members will begin writing a column in the Chronicle each month and Gary Wilson has volunteered to write the first one in December.
- Chris and Nicole are expecting their baby in less than two weeks.

**Senior Warden's Report:** Gary Wilson announced the scheduled Vestry meeting on December 18 at 6:00 PM. He reviewed the process for the selection of Wardens. At the December Vestry meeting, Wardens Committee recommendations (with the exception of the At Large Warden from the first year class of Vestry members) will be presented to the Vestry based on recommendations from outgoing Vestry members and Rev. Girata. The new Vestry will be elected at the Parish Annual Meeting which will be held on January 6. The Wardens Committee will be elected (including the At Large Warden from the first year class of Vestry members) at the January 15 meeting of the new Vestry.

**New Business:** Jerry Stiles, John Pruett and Sam Cole voiced concern about Mary O'Brien's lack of an office and asked that a solution to it be made a high priority. Chris said they are looking into this situation and hope to have a solution soon.

**For the Good of the Order:** The dice Jesus located in the Senior High Room is awesome. Dana Sue Percer suggested all outgoing Vestry members recycle their Vestry notebooks. Charles Shipp joked that Calvary's Columbarium has competition from an Alabama company putting cremated ashes in ammunition and calling it Holy Smoke.

**Adjournment:** Rev. Girata adjourned the meeting at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucia Crenshaw, Clerk