

Vestry Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2008, 4:00pm, Calhoun Street Campus

Present: Father Owens, Dottie Bowen, Ray Cook, Linda Wakefield, Burt Harding, Alex Perri, Ken Miller

Absent: No one

- I. Opening devotion from Psalm 37 by Ken Miller
- II. Minutes of the June 26, 2008, meeting were approved as distributed.
- III. Financial Reports
 - Income/expense summaries through June 2008 were distributed along with the respective nine year projections, unaudited balance sheet and summary of designated accounts. Income for the month was in a good position. Expenses increased slightly over budgeted as several quarterly charges were posted during month. The cash position reflected an excellent position.
 - Father Owens discussed aspects of new banking arrangements and informed the Vestry that there are three banks interested in providing all banking services that the Church requires.
 - Dottie Bowen, Senior Warden, requested that financial statements be provided to the Vestry further in advance of the actual Vestry meeting.
 - Burt Harding, Chairman of the Stewardship Committee, reported the following:
 - The use of credit cards for online giving is being utilized by members of the Parish
 - The "Creative Giving" column for July's "Cross Currents" was presented and a decision was made to include this article on the Church website.
 - The Stewardship Committee is studying the possibility of developing our own in-house financial training that will meet for 4-6 weeks. We have several individuals within the Parish who are qualified to do this type of training, including the Chairman Burt Harding. The Stewardship Committee feels that the length of time required for the other programs may diminish their benefit.
- IV. Other Business
 1. Dottie Bowen reminded the Vestry that we had requested a Finance Committee be formed as a ministry, to serve much like the Stewardship Committee. Various options were discussed and Alex Perri will continue the process to identify potential members.
 2. Dottie Bowen will be meeting with several individuals who have expressed some degree of interest in leading Faith Alive. The Vestry discussed the importance of insuring that we were listening to God and planning in accordance with His time.
 3. Father Owens reminded the Vestry that the search for people to lead our ministries to families, faith formation, and worship at Buckwalter Parkway Campus is nearing completion. He has asked the Vestry and the entire Parish to pray for God's guidance concerning the candidates for these positions.
 4. The Vestry retreat with Bishop Lawrence is tentatively scheduled for 29 and 30 September. The location has yet to be determined.
 5. Dottie Bowen requested that we prayerfully consider if the Vestry should act as stewards of the annual stewardship campaign and that following our time prayer during the next month we discuss this at the August meeting.
- V. Calendars through December 2008 were distributed with a reminder of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Vestry on Thursday, August 28, 2008, at 4:00pm, in the Library.
- VI. Dottie Bowen closed the meeting with prayer.