

Vestry Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2008
4:00pm Calhoun Street Campus

Present: Father Owens, Dottie Bowen (via telephone), Ray Cook, Linda Wakefield,
Burt Harding, Alex Perri, Ken Miller
Absent: No one

I. Opening devotion from Romans 8: 1-18 by Burt. September devotion will be led by Linda Wakefield.

II. Minutes of the July 24, 2008, meeting were approved as distributed. In order to streamline the approval process, the Secretary will include a "respond by" date when emailing the minutes. Approval will be assumed for any who have not responded by that date.

III. Financial Reports

- Income/expense summaries through July 2008 were distributed along with the respective nine year projections, unaudited balance sheet and summary of designated accounts. Income and expenses for the month were down slightly, which is historically typical for the month of July. The cash balance reflected an excellent position, as does the year-to-date income and expense positions.
- Father Owens discussed aspects of new banking arrangements and informed the Vestry that there are 3-4 banks very interested in providing all banking services that the Church requires. Regions Bank has granted a 30-day extension to our current financial arrangement with them.
- The Financial Committee, consisting of Bill Cook, Rick Wakefield, Dave Parker, Bob Pointon, and Alex Perri has met with Father Owens for an overview of Church financials and has met with Regine Johnson and Susan Miller concerning the actual details.
- Burt Harding, chairman of the Stewardship Committee reported the following:
 - The "Creative Giving" column for August's "Cross Currents" was presented and a decision was made to include this article on the Church website.
 - Rick Wakefield and Burt Harding are developing our own in-house financial training program for members of the Parish. The training will meet for 4-6 weeks.
 - Dottie, Burt and Alex will meet and develop plans and ideas for the Annual Stewardship Campaign and bring that plan back to the Vestry at its September meeting. All Vestry members are invited to join the session if available.

IV. Other Business

- Father Owens distributed and discussed job descriptions of staff senior leadership positions for the Vestry's information
 - Father Owens reminded the Vestry about the CLEAVE (Church Leadership Energization And Vision Enhancement) event to be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2008. He encouraged all Vestry members, as well as all ministry leaders within the Parish, to attend.
 - Father Owens unveiled his preliminary thoughts concerning assistance to St. John's Mission in Charleston. His ideas have also been presented to Bishop Lawrence. He requested that the Vestry pray for guidance concerning the Church's role in the support of St. John's Mission.
 - The Vestry retreat with Bishop Lawrence is scheduled for 29 and 30 September.
 - Based on prayer and further discussion the Vestry decided that the timing for the Faith Alive event was apparently not in God's timing. Only a few people from the Parish have stepped forward to express interest.
 - The Mere Anglicanism Conference will be held January 15 – 19, 2009, in Charleston.
- V. Calendars through June 2009 were distributed with a reminder of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Vestry on Monday, September 29, 2008, at 4:00pm, in the Rectory, immediately prior to the Vestry Retreat.
- VI. Burt Harding closed the meeting with prayer.