

Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd
Vestry Minutes September 14, 2009

Voting Vestry Members Present: Berry, DeVore, Dotson, Miller, Morgan, Northrup, Parks, SeEVERS, Tarrant, VanMeter.

Voting Vestry Members Excused: Doughty, James.

Voting Ex-Officio Present: Fr. Seville

Non-Voting Ex-Officio Present: Hoffman, Slusher.

Non-Voting Ex-Officio Excused: Foss.

Meeting convened with prayers led by Larry Tarrant. October prayers will be led by Kim VanMeter.

Adjustments were made to the Agenda and approved by Vestry.

Approval of May Vestry Minutes as printed was made by Dotson, 2nd by Miller. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting held in June 12, 2009 concerning Sunday School Hours.

Motion to approve the Minutes as printed was made by Dotson, 2nd by Miller. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of the Treasurer, Hal Foss, his printed report was reviewed by Vestry.

Motion to receive and submit to audit was made by Dotson, 2nd by Parks.

New Business:

Policy Review & Rector Search Committee led by Sr. Warden Toni DeVore. Review of the policy of the Dioceses of West Virginia concerning the Vestry's Charge to the Search Committee. Motion to adopt the policy was made by DeVore and 2nd by Dotson.

Appointment of the Rector Search Committee:

Vestry had been charged with supplying a list of names to the Senior Warden. Those names were to be presented to her by September 11. The list was then shown to Vestry Members as how the names ranked. Vestry agreed with the ranking and the names were accepted. Larry Tarrant made a motion for a group of eleven individuals which would allow for a majority vote. Motion 2nd by Dotson and carried. The first eleven individuals were to be contacted via phone that evening to see if they would serve. Vestry noted one person present whose name was listed stated they could not serve because of work. Motion made by Parks 2nd by Miller to move down the list in order if someone cannot serve. Motion carried. Dotson moved that the Sr. Warden make the phone calls 2nd by Miller and approved. Toni DeVore, Senior Warden stated she would make the phone calls as soon as she got home. It was stated and agreed that this Search Committee would be making reports back to Vestry as they progress.

Ministries Coordinator, Paula Hoffman gave her report.

Senior Warden's Report Parish Organization: Nelma Berry, Toni DeVore, Greg Dotson and John Doughty will have completed their time of service on Vestry. Sunday Nov. 8 is **Annual Parrish Meeting** where new Vestry members are chosen.

Peoples Warden Report: Greg Dotson congratulated the Wednesday Work Crew on their task of removing the old carpet and installing the hardwood floor in the class room. A job well done! Dotson reported all the roof leaks are fixed, however the asphalt shingles have almost reached their life expectancy. Dotson informed the group as to the different materials now available as roofing materials. There is a product that is metal but looks like slate and has an acceptable guarantee; Murray Sheet Metal is working on an estimate.

Committee Reports:

Darlene Slusher reported the **Wednesday Outreach** in conjunction with Liberty Street Church of God was a success.

Nelma Berry reported the **Altar Guild** is in need of new members. Nelma reported the **September Rummage** sale was successful; all money going to the Adopted Families Christmas.

Tim Northrup reported **EYF news**. The turnout at the Prichard's was great and the youth had fun.

Kim VanMeter reported **Acolyte** promotion of Samantha Henry. Planning is underway for the acolyte trip to Washington, DC.

Mark Miller, **Activities**; stated there were positive ideas being explored-game night with chili supper, dinner & actors guild were mentioned.

Sally Morgan reported there was some interest in having a **Book Discussion**.

Larry Tarrant reported the **Worship Committee** was working on the fall schedule.
Larry Seevers reported on some **new music** and stated there is always a need for more choir members.

Toni DeVore reported on the **Daughters of the King** special project which received coverage in the Parkersburg Newspaper.

Flu Packets consisting of Tylenol, cough syrup, hand sanitizer, antibacterial hand soap, Kleenex and some packets containing Childrens Tylenol and cough syrup were also put together. Distribution will be through the food pantry. Boxes of Kleenex were donated by local hotel/motel chains but all the other items were purchased by the Daughters of the Shepherd.

Darlene Slusher stated her desire to resign as Vestry Secretary following the November elections and stated she would type the November election results. Resignation accepted.

Rector's Report:

Congratulations to Vestry for reaching a prayerful conclusion on the Sunday School Hours.
Special thanks to John Doughty, Hal Foss and Larry Tarrant on the hours and time spent working on Job Descriptions.
Adult Forum for 5 weeks will be "Living in Abundance."

Average attendance in July: 88.

Average attendance in August: 106

Important dates to remember:

Sunday September 20 Turn in your **United Thank Offering**.
Sunday October 11 FathLink Dinner
Sunday Nov. 8 is **Annual Parrish Meeting** where new Vestry members are chosen
Sunday Nov. 11 **Return to Standard Time** (set your clock back)
Sunday Nov. 11 **All Saints Day**

Rector reminded Vestry that names submitted for Vestry nominations must be known to the Treasurer before submission. DeVore will chair the Nominations Committee. Nominations for Convention Delegates will be entertained at that time.

Motion to adjourn was made by Parks 2nd by Miller. Motion carried.

Vestry adjourned at 9:05PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted.
Darlene Slusher, Vestry Secretary