

Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd
Vestry Minutes
February 8, 2010

Following prayers in the sanctuary led by Father Seville, the meeting was called to order at 6:50 in the choir room.

Voting members present: Tuck, James, Seevers, Tarrant, Northrup, Parks, Justice, Tharp, Pritchard
Ex-Officio Voting: Fr. Seville

Non-voting members present: Foss, Bono

Visitors present: Bob Flinn

Secretary's Report: Tim Northrup made a motion, seconded by Alan Parks, that the January 11th minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Hal Foss made a motion that the January Treasurer's report be received and submitted to audit. Larry James seconded. Motion carried. Hal Foss made a motion to receive and submit to audit the December Year End Report. Alan Parks seconded. Motion carried. Hal Foss commented that all investment accounts had gone up during 2009. Larry Tarrant suggested that all gifts need to go through vestry for approval.

People's Warden Report: The chairs in the Great Room have been repaired by Bob Flinn. Gwen Justice reported that some of the Lanyon Lifters in the sanctuary need repaired. Bob Flinn reported on the findings of the committee looking into ways to save energy costs. Water: The circulating pump needs repair. It would not be cost-effective to replace the existing faucets with automatic shut off faucets. Electricity: Signs have been placed throughout the building reminding people to turn off unneeded lights. Ballasts will be replaced on an as needed basis. Fluorescent bulbs outside will be replaced with new bulbs. Heat/AC: We have programmable thermostats. There are 3 furnaces and 4 AC units. We should use only as many as needed. It was noted that cold will not hurt the organ. However, it should be warmed up 3 hours before the organ is played. The ductwork is not insulated. When/if we have to replace the sanctuary roof, insulation can be added then. When/if we ever remodel the sanctuary, blown in insulation can be added then.

Ministries Coordinator Report: (given by Fr. Seville) The Discretionary Funds for January were \$437.23. The funds helped 15 families—7 with water, 2 with gas, 3 with electric, 3 with prescriptions. The Gabriel Project helped 15 families—9 with diapers and wipes, 5 with food, and 6 with clothing. The Manna Food Pantry helped 30 families, 73 individuals. Wendy Tuck went over procedures for helping people on Sunday mornings. (1) Ask person needing help to wait until after the service so that Ginger can participate in worship. Invite person to join us for worship. (2) Take person to a private room. (3) They can be given an emergency food ration for the day. However, they should come back on Monday so that they can go through the normal screening process.

Rector Search Committee update: There were 80 participants in the worship/music survey. People did not seem to be as opposed to change as the first survey indicated. The committee will meet Sunday, February 14th at 4:30.

Day Care Option update: Hal Foss reported that the daycare facility that has expressed an interest in using our building presently serves about 30 children ages 6 weeks to 12 years old. They are open from 5:30 A. M. until 7:00 P. M. The staff is properly licensed and trained. They have visited our building and are very interested. They would like a decision by May 1. Hal reported that the idea of a Day Care facility fits into the ministry of Good Shepherd well. It is an open question whether this particular center is the right one. It may need to be a joint venture between the church and the center. We may need a person from Good Shepherd on the staff of the center.

Youth Ministries: Tim Northrup reported that the young people had recently participated in Peterkin Sunday. They will be doing a parish breakfast and the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper.

Worship: Larry Tarrant made a motion that Allan Zipf be authorized to purchase 8 music stands for the choir. Alan Parks seconded. Motion carried.

Interim Rector's Report: Confirmation classes started on February 7th with 2 students. Bishop Klusmeyer will come to Good Shepherd on March 28th. Linda Bennett will organize the reception. He will probably meet with vestry that day. Ash Wednesday services will be at 7:00 A. M., 12:10 P. M., and 7:30 P. M. Wendy Tuck announced that the Wednesday Lenten Studies will be based on "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." Group leaders will be Dianna Quick, Pat Amos, Keith and Joyce Haynes, and John Doughty. The EYF will host Peterkin Kids Lent for the younger children.

Old Business: Read the Sexual Harassment Policy before the next meeting.

Budget—Sandy Tharp said a parishioner had expressed concern over Good Shepherd's policy of not providing health insurance for any employee except the rector. That parishioner thought that the diocese required it. Hal Foss said that the diocese encourages us to provide benefits for non-clergy employees, but doesn't require it. He also said that on June 8, 2009 the vestry had approved a \$70 per month raise for Ginger and Jim to help with insurance expense. Hal agreed to clarify this with Ginger and Jim. Hal said that hard copies of the budget are available in the office. Someone suggested that next year we should make the budget available electronically. Next year parish groups will be asked to submit a "wish list budget" in December. **Vestry Retreat:** The retreat will be held Saturday, March 20th from 9—3. Donald Vinson, Canon to the Ordinary for Congregational Development will be leading the retreat in a discussion of conflict resolution. It may be held at the Episcopal Church in Marietta.

New Business: **Easter offering:** The Outreach Committee recommended that the Easter Offering be given to the Elewana Project. Wendy Tuck made a motion to that effect. Alan Parks seconded. During discussion it was mentioned that such a designation does not fit into our stated commitment to serve the neighborhood. Motion was defeated. Hal Foss made a motion, seconded by Larry James, that 1/3 of the Easter offering go to Elewana, 1/3 to Manna, and 1/3 to the Children's Home Society for working with 18 year olds who are leaving the foster care system. Motion carried. **Trustee Vacancy:** Joyce Purkey's term is completed. Hal Foss made a motion, seconded by Alan Parks, that Joyce Haynes be appointed to fill the vacancy. Motion carried. Mark Miller and Joe Quick are the other trustees. **Vestry Resignation:** Kim VanMeter has resigned from vestry because she is leaving the church. The vestry can appoint someone to serve until November when her term runs out. In the past, such vacancies have been filled by the next highest vote getter from the recent vestry election. Gwen Justice nominated Lisa Tanner Grim for the vacancy. Larry James seconded. Larry Tarrant made a motion to table. That motion carried. Wendy will write a letter to Kim thanking her for her service.

Good of the Order: Gwen Justice and Wendy Tuck will conduct a Racial and Ethnic Diversity Survey before March 1st. Adult Forum on April 11, 18, and 25th as well as May 2nd will feature a panel on Faith and Science and Faith and Education.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Alan Parks and seconded by Tim Northrup. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P. M.