

Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd
Vestry Minutes
January 11, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 P.M. by Father Seville.
Voting members present: Tuck, James, Seevers, Tarrant, Northrup, Miller, Morgan, Parks,
Justice, Pritchard
Ex-Officio Voting: Fr. Seville
Non-voting members present: Foss, Hoffman, Bono
Visitors present: Dianna Quick
Opening prayers were led by Gwen Justice.

Open Forum: Diana Quick reported that the worship/music survey had been completed.

Secretary's Report: Alan Parks moved and Larry James seconded the motion that the December 14th minutes of the regular vestry meeting and the January 4th minutes of the joint vestry/search committee meeting be approved as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Hal Foss presented a report but did not ask for approval since it was not the final report for December. Next month he plans to show the yearly results for the investment accounts. He will have to take money from the investment accounts to reimburse the savings accounts for loans made during the year. The revenue for the year was \$17, 598.07 short of the amount budgeted for the year. This was \$3000 higher than he had predicted earlier. The \$99,000 for Edie Cather's estate is not listed. Hal plans to move that money to WesBanco. There was no direction given as to what the money was to be used for.

Hal then presented the budget for 2010. Members expressed concern that this was the fifth year for a proposed deficit budget. Hal responded that there were only three choices: (1) Adopt a deficit budget which would be supplemented by withdrawing funds from investments. The investment funds would run out in 4 or 5 years. (2) Adopt a deficit budget and begin making changes which would help out in future years. (3) Balance the budget by cutting staff. It was suggested that ways to increase revenue would be a good topic for the vestry retreat. After discussion, Hal Foss moved and Tim Northrup seconded a motion that the proposed budget be accepted. Wendy Tuck called for the question. The motion carried. It was noted that the budget would be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting for its endorsement. However, the vestry has the final say in budgetary matters.

People's Warden Report: The oven and circuit breakers have been fixed. We will soon need 25 new chairs since several have been broken.

Ministries Coordinator's Report: The Gabriel Project served 10 families—7 with diapers, 5 with clothing, 5 with food, and 3 with Christmas dinner.

The Discretionary Fund dispersed \$904.79 to help 11 families.

Manna helped 24 families (61 individuals). Christmas dinner was provided for 18 families (67 individuals).

Rector Search Committee Report: There was discussion concerning the music/worship survey compiled by Hal Foss, Trish Pritchard, and David Cooper. Wendy Tuck made a motion to accept the survey after the committee tweaks it to make it more user friendly. Larry Tarrant seconded the motion. The survey will be available on the website until January 27th. Hard copies will be available in the office for those who need them.
Toni Devore is preparing a summary of the Focus Groups.

Interim Rector's Report: Father Seville remarked on the beauty of the Christmas decorations and the luminaries. He said that only adults came to the Kristingle Service for Epiphany, even though the service was designed especially for children. There was a newcomer at church who had learned about the service through a newspaper article. The bishop will be on sabbatical at the time of his regularly scheduled visit to Good Shepherd in 2011. Consequently, he has decided to come this year on March 28th, Palm Sunday. Confirmation classes will begin at 2:00 in the Great Hall. All paid church employees and anyone who works with youth need to be trained in the sexual harassment policy of the church. Copies of the document were passed out to everyone in attendance.

Acolyte Report (Gwen Justice): The acolytes will be traveling to Washington March 5—7. They have already done fundraising for the trip.

Sunday School (Larry James): Average attendance has been 41. The Sunday Zach Drennan was here there were 90—100 in attendance.

Small Groups (Sally Morgan): The altar guild will have a cleanup session Sunday after adult forum.

Old Business: The Outreach Committee will make a recommendation for the Easter offering. It was suggested that Elewana be considered.

Exploration of renting space to a day care center still continues. They would pay about \$700 a month for the use of 4 rooms. However, they would want the space 7 days a week from 5 AM to 6 PM. That would cause a problem on Sundays. A committee consisting of Kim VanMeter, Hal Foss, Larry James, Sally Morgan, and Father Seville are working on this.

New Business: Gwen Justice has established a private blog whereby vestry members can communicate with one another between meetings. She will send everyone an invitation to participate.

Vestry Retreat will be Saturday, March 20th. The facilitator will be Donald Vinson. Maggie Latimer is still being considered to lead a Lenten study on helping members discern what their gifts for ministry are.

Sally Morgan made a motion that the regular meeting time be changed to 6:30 PM. Trish Pritchard seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment: 10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Vickie Bono, recording secretary