

Christ Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
February 26, 2008
Minutes

In Attendance:

Clergy: John McDuffie, Rector; *Vestry members:* Bob McCartin, Senior Warden; Cindy Callahan, Junior Warden, Paul Beck, Christie Carrico, Dave Esmond, Jane Follit, Donna Gentry, David Giulieri, Michael Hinds, Fran Palmer-Hill; Stephen Pirozzi. Guest: Denise Trogden

The Rev. John McDuffie convened the meeting at 7:40 pm and gave the opening devotion.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 22

It was moved and seconded (Follit/McCartin) to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2008, meeting as submitted. Passed unanimously.

The action item list was reviewed and updated.

CES NEWS

Christie Carrico reported that the school was launching a Capital Campaign in the amount of \$175,000 this week to upgrade the playground and basketball court area. Fr. McDuffie will do an article for the Angelus or a letter to the congregation outlining the CES playground campaign and its critical nature to the success of the school and therefore, the Church. CES is recruiting for a lower school principal, a Spanish teacher and a physical education teacher. The Finance Committee presented two budgets for the Board of Governors to review and approve one or the other at the March meeting. Bob McCartin reported that the student restrooms in the Church building are being remodeled with the remainder of the money from the original Capital Campaign. There may be a small amount left for the sound system.

PLEDGING

Many members of the congregation who had not yet pledged have now done so, and others have increased the amount of their pledges. It was agreed to publish the goal and how close we are to it weekly in the bulletin. Fr. McDuffie noted that it is a general trend, not just in our parish, that people are pledging later.

COURTHOUSE

The current status of the plans for the Circuit Courthouse to be built on the site of the old Rockville library was discussed. Bob McCartin agreed to try to arrange a meeting with Delegate Jenny Forehand.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS REVIEW

It was moved and seconded (McCartin/Carrico) to allocate \$10,000 from the interest on the Endowment for the Rite 13 pilgrimage this summer. Passed unanimously. (first vote)

The Christ Episcopal School scholarship was discussed. The Vestry agreed that it should go to the same family as last year as long as the conditions of acceptability are still met. Fr. McDuffie indicated that he would check with Jane Pontius to ascertain the status of last year's recipient family and to make sure that they filled in the financial aid forms.

It was moved and seconded (McCartin, Giulieri) to approve the use of \$6300 from the interest on the endowment to continue the CES Scholarship to the family of a CEC parishioner. Passed unanimously. (second vote)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Hospitality: Denise Trogden reported that a meeting on January 25 of newcomers within the past two years and selected "old timers" had attracted 22 people. The purpose of the meeting was to share experiences as newcomers and to form the core of a new welcoming committee. Attendees were asked what was important to them about Christ Episcopal Church. Feedback included personal contact and having Fr.

McDuffie remember their names and the welcoming, but not smothering, atmosphere. About eight members of the group volunteered to serve on a new committee, and the next step will be to develop a plan for welcoming newcomers. Having a greeters table at the 11:00 am service as well as the 9:00 is one goal, which would be facilitated by having a more permanent and welcoming setup in the Oratory.

Fellowship: Fr. McDuffie complimented the Fellowship Committee on the reception for Ruth Moncure on January 31. He noted as an aside that Suzanne Viglianti has agreed to take on the duties of registrar temporarily.

Marketing & Communications: The newly formed committee had a banner made to advertise the jazz vespers. They are looking into ways to advertise a no cost and will be reviewing the web site and The Angelus.

Adult Christian Formation: Attendance at the Lenten Class has been low as has attendance at the Adult Covenant Class and the "Parenting on a Prayer" Class.

Property: Willette, the stained glass contractor, is willing to meet with the Vestry and provide an update on the status of the windows, particularly the Ascension window above the altar. The Vestry thought this would be useful. Paul Beck will invite him. The Parish House foundation is still in need of repair.

It was moved and seconded (McCartin/Pirozzi) to use \$3500 from the Plant Fund to repair the foundation of the Parish House. Passed unanimously.

The drawings are complete for the nursery/choir room HVAC and bids are expected within the next week and a half. The decision still has to be made whether to proceed with the cost of drawings for the kitchen and dining room systems, and whether this should be one or separate systems.

Outreach: Bridgette Hubbard, Melissa Opryszko and Janet Miranda have returned from Richmond, South Africa and will present at the next Adult Forum. David Pollack attended the last Outreach Committee meeting. ESOL has started its next cycle. The Jazz Vespers raised \$689 for Samaritan Ministries.

FINANCE

Dave Esmond reported that we had broken even for January once it was taken into account that the mortgage payments for both January and February had been made in January.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved and seconded (Callahan/McCartin) to allow wine to be served at the gala champagne reception following the choir concert in April. Passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: The date of the next meeting was changed from March 25 to April 1.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Approved: April 1, 2008