

Christ Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
August 28, 2007
Minutes

In Attendance:

Clergy: Karen Johnson, Associate Rector Pro Tem; *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. *Guests:* Louise Wager, Tad Cavuoti

Rev. Karen Johnson convened the meeting at 7:30 pm. Donna Gentry offered an opening prayer.

MINUTES OF JUNE 26

It was moved and seconded (Callahan/McCartin) to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2007 meeting as presented. Passed unanimously.

CHOIR TOUR

Louise Wager and Tad Cavuoti presented a proposal for the Christ Church Choir to tour and sing at several cathedrals in England in August of 2008. Forty-two people have currently signed up, but for the tour to be successful, it is necessary that most of the choir members as well as the paid singers participate. This will necessitate raising funds to pay for the paid singers, as well as to assist those members of the choir who cannot afford to pay for the trip on their own. A total of \$26,400 is needed over the next six months. The choir plans to raise funds by soliciting the congregation and by giving a benefit concert in the spring. Even if these efforts are successful, it is estimated that a total of \$17,000 will be needed from the Church, \$3000 in 2007 and \$14,000 in 2008. Tad and Louise would like to make a presentation to the Congregation at the September 9 service. The Vestry thought that Fr. McDuffie should be involved in the discussions and therefore, could not commit any funds prior to those discussions. Several suggestions were put forward for fund-raising, including asking help from the Bargain Box and selling a Christmas CD of the choir. It was noted that the feasibility of funds being available for this project depended in part on the availability of funds. Dave Esmond will review this.

CES News

The Capital Campaign officially closed June 30. CES will be initiating another one soon to finish building out the Jefferson Building. Bob McCartin reported that he did not foresee CES asking the Vestry for additional funds over the next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Stewardship: Karen Johnson reported that the Stewardship campaign is underway and will officially run from September 30 to November 4. The campaign will highlight the Church's ministries by presenting 3-4 ministries each Sunday, featuring very brief statements from participants in those ministries.

Welcoming & Communications: Jane Follit reminded the Vestry that the fall Newcomers' Coffee is scheduled for October 14. She ordered 100 extra copies of the Directory for use over the next few years until the next Directory is produced. She reminded the Vestry that the committee consists of only three people and while there are many good ideas, there are just not enough people to execute them. One idea that the committee would like to pursue is producing a cookbook.

Altar Guild: Karen Johnson reported that Peg Hincke had asked to step down as wedding coordinator and to be relieved of regular altar guild duties. She will remain as the one who does purchasing and scheduling. Ellie deYoung is the new wedding coordinator and Peg will be training five new altar guild members on Sept. 15th.

Property: Bob McCartin reported that the Dining Room would be completed on Friday and within budget. New tables and chairs are due to arrive on Friday and he requested help in unpacking them on Saturday.

Apparently extra bricks in the columbarium area had been thrown around and had damaged the salt/sand barrel. Ray Ramey had asked for someplace to store the bricks and the basement of the Parish House was suggested.

Paul Beck reported that he has the engineering drawings for air-conditioning the nursery and choir room and will bid them out. He hopes to have the A/C installed by next spring. He is also looking for a third bid on the stained glass window repair. The third bidder (Bovard) did not recommend full restoration for any of the windows except the Ascension window, and that sometime with the next 2-3 years.

The old music room is apparently leaking again.

Adult Christian Formation: Fran Palmer-Hill reported that the summer 9:00 am class was very well-attended. The committee is setting up the fall schedule of Adult Forums within two themes – outreach and nurturing a Christian community. They are also planning the September 8 vigil.

Outreach: Michael Hinds reported that the transitional housing apartment was finished in August. The Committee is discussing a medical mission trip to Richmond, South Africa in February 2008. Once more details are confirmed, the committee will come back to the Vestry for final approval to use the already allocated \$5000. ESOI started again on September 17.

Fellowship: Bob McCartin reminded the Vestry of the September 9 Potluck lunch and cakewalk. The first fellowship supper for the fall is September 8 at Christie Carrico's house. Mindy McCartin will be seeking help to move the supplies and food from the Murdock Room back into the kitchen and pantry following the service on Sunday, September 2.

FINANCE REPORT

Dave Esmond reported that the budget is behind in income for the year, but is also slightly behind budget in expenses.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Vote on Additional Money for Tables and Chairs:

It was moved and seconded (Callahan/Esmond) to use an additional \$10,000 of the interest on the endowment to complete the purchase of the tables and chairs for the newly renovated dining Room. Passed unanimously. (Second Vote)

Sound System: Donna Gentry reported that she now has two quotes for the Church sound system and is awaiting a third. The second quote (Cardinal) was slightly lower than the previous one and they also offered to set up the speakers on a trial basis.

CES Request to Replace Sod: This has been deferred until the Spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff: Judith Schneider is now on board as the full-time Parish Administrator. Karen Johnson reported that following David Pollock being taken ill, she and Cindy Callahan had worked out a plan for coverage whereby her hours were increased to 25 hr/week and Cindy Simpson took over David Pollock's pastoral care duties as well as assumed additional preaching responsibilities.

Plant Fund: Karen Johnson reported that it had been necessary to remove a dead tree and trim some dead branches. It was agreed that this was an appropriate charge to the Plant Fund.

Audit: Dave Giulieri reported that the audit is currently being scheduled.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Approved: September 25, 2007