

Church of the Epiphany Vestry Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2010

The Vestry Meeting began with Fr Robin leading the group in prayer at 7PM.

Fr. Robin, Fr. Luke and Deacon Dave Welch were present at this meeting.

Vestry Members Attendance: Present (P), Excused (E)

Bassert, David	P	Hamlin, George	P
Conlon, Tom	P	Kodat, Roger	P
Cummings, Ross	P	Mentzer, Steve	P
Edmunds, Gin	P	McNeely, Dennis	P
Ellis, Lisa	P	Reed, David	E
Fetzer, Bill	P	Stoddard, Sandra	P

Paul Petersen attended as an observer. Scott Reiter attended to present his report.

Treasurer and Finance Committee Report – Scott Reiter

- Income for December was \$186,800 and expenses were \$128,000
 - SCRIP amount on the financial report may not be accurate
 - \$5,500 for snow removal in December is a Building & Grounds expense that will appear in the January financial report
- Scott Reiter made a motion for 3 financial resolutions for the Vestry vote
- The first motion addressed the Anglican District of Virginia (ADV) annual budget request for 2010:

Church of the Epiphany-Herndon hereby authorizes support for the Anglican District of Virginia for the calendar year of 2010 of \$21,000.

- Epiphany provided \$18,000 last year and \$12,000 the year before
- Support could be increased during the second half of this year
- CANA requested \$30,000 for support
- Fr. Robin noted that some of the churches provide the requested amount
- In response to a question from Gin Edmunds, the ADV budget goes toward the court case, missions, synod, parishes, education and outreach, and a portion to CANA; the overall budget is \$578,000
- Dave Bassert seconded the motion and the Vestry voted unanimously to accept the motion.

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- The second motion addressed the Convocation of Anglicans in North America (CANA) request for annual support for 2010:
Church of the Epiphany-Herndon hereby authorizes support for CANA for the calendar year of 2010 of \$0.
 - No specific amount was requested, but there was a recommendation to consider tithing
 - Epiphany has not provided any support to date
 - A Vestry vote was not necessary not taken since no support is planned.
- The third motion addressed the Church of the Holy Spirit (Ashburn/Leesburg):
Church of the Epiphany-Herndon hereby authorizes a donation of \$2,000 to the Church of the Holy Spirit toward upfront build-out costs for rental of space for their home church.
 - The overall property improvement of the leased property is approximately \$200,000
 - Gin Edmunds recommended amending the resolution to \$2,000
 - In response to a question from Roger Kodat, this support amount is outside the current budget and will be part of the Outreach ministry expenses
 - Dennis McNeely seconded the motion and the Vestry voted unanimously to accept it.
- Roger Kodat motioned for the financial report to be accepted and George Hamlin second the motion. Vestry approval was unanimous.
- Gin Edmunds recommended that the Sunday loose offering be applied to Haiti relief
 - Dennis McNeely presented a fund recommended by Bishop Minns
 - Fr. Robin provided comments from Bishop Bena about the Haiti relief
 - Fr. Robin made the motion that the Sunday loose offering be applied to Haiti relief; Bill Fetzer seconded the motion and the Vestry voted unanimously for the motion
- Fr Robin expressed gratitude for Janice Monaghan's work with the SCRIP program
- Beth Monroe has succeeded Russ Boddie as the Head Teller for the church

Planning & Vision: Culture of Change – Lisa Ellis

- The presentation emphasized ways of thinking (to use) throughout the year for church matters, starting by identifying fear phrases related to strategic thinking
- Dave Bassert noted that there is always a need for accountability, accepting responsibility, and to have confidence in such
- Roger Kodat offered the thought of carpe diem, seize the day
- Dennis McNeely warned about analysis paralysis

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- Fr. Robin noted that he experienced a (high) acceptable rate of change his first 5 years at Epiphany, then noticed that “always done this way” started about 3 – 4 years ago
 - Bill Fetzer stated that (Epiphany) has changed as a church and with the funding due to the court case and with a down turn in the economy
 - Steve Mentzer has noticed a substantial amount of change at Epiphany in the last 3 years

Approval of Minutes for November 10, 2009 Meeting

- Dennis McNeely made the motion to accept the minutes with corrections; George Hamlin seconded the motion. The Vestry voted unanimously to do so.
- Roger Kodat made the motion to accept the minutes for the January 10, 2010 Special Vestry Meeting; Lisa Ellis seconded the motion. The Vestry voted unanimously to accept.
- An email vote for the revised Facilities Use Policy was taken in December 2009, resulting in unanimous acceptance

Reports

Rector’s Report – Fr. Robin

- Brown bag sabbatical at the Gordon Cromwell Seminary in Boston was good and stimulating
 - Anglican presence was large at this interdenominational gathering
 - Anglican orthodoxy as central to work in the church was a theme

Associate Rector’s Report – Fr. Luke

- Lenten Series will focus on the Prodigal God book by Dr. Tim Keller
 - Play is written by Kenneth Bailey, emphasizing the relevance of the First Century culture to the parable
 - In response to a question from Gin Edmunds, the time of the series is from 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Chancellor Report – Dennis McNeely for Dave Reed

- No change to the litigation status expected for the next 90 days

Senior Warden Report – Dennis McNeely

- Took a count of planned participants for the Vestry Retreat on February 6, 9- 3 PM
- Requested that those planning to participate email him and email Jam Reiter

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Junior Warden Report – Lisa Ellis

- SC RIP program has realized about \$1,900 so far; involves 45 families and 8 ministries
 - Program is working on ordering in January
 - Personal distribution reporting should begin in February
- In response to a question from Bill Fetzer, ministries have an order form
 - (Ministry representative) signs for cards and provides receipts
 - Cards are not replenished

The meeting moved to a closed session. In addition to members of the vestry, the following persons were invited to attend the closed session: Scott Reiter, Murray Black, Ralph Morris.

Bill Fetzer provided a Family Retreat Report for 2009 to all of the Vestry members.

Meeting adjourned with a motion from Tom Conlon and seconded by Bill Fetzer. The Vestry unanimously concurred.