

Church of the Epiphany Vestry Meeting Minutes - July 20, 2010

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

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

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

Robbie Pruitt attended as an observer. Scott Reiter attended to present the Treasurer/Finance Report.

**Treasurer and Finance Committee Report - Scott Reiter**

- Church experienced a positive cash flow for last fiscal year and net current assets increased
- Second quarter attendance numbers are not available
- Expenses are on target; \$6,000 of May expenses will be reimbursed.
- This fiscal year giving close to last year in July
- Budget for the new fiscal year is only slightly more than last year's with some capital expenses to be realized immediately
- Church is technically working with an interim budget until September. Budget will be formally reviewed during the next Vestry meeting

Fr. Robin moved to accept the Treasurer and Finance Committee report, seconded by Gin Edmunds. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Approval of Minutes for June 15 and June 27 Meetings**

- Dave Reed made the motion to accept the minutes with corrections; Bill Fetzer seconded the motion. The Vestry voted unanimously to do so.
- Bill Fetzer made the motion to accept the minutes with corrections for the attendance; George Hamlin seconded the motion. The Vestry voted unanimously to do so.

## **Rector's Report**

- Search Committee update
  - Several candidates have expressed an interest in the position
  - The job description will appear on the church WEB page
  - A phone interview is planned for this week
- ADV board addressed the office of bishop, when an Anglican diocese established
  - Shift from bishop being a CEO to being a pastor for the clergy
  - Removal of traditional administrative duties
- The lead for monthly clergy meetings for CANA will move from Fr. Robin to Fr. Yates
- Bishop Bena will not fully retire (this Fall)
- Rev. Dobbs will assume an arch deacon role for CANA

## **Chancellor's Report**

- Judge Bellow ruling struck down by the Virginia Supreme Court, remanded to the Circuit Court citing the Division statute
- Judge Bellows to receive the case and the expectation is that he will agree to accept it
- CANA representation filed a motion for the Supreme Court to reconsider its decision, based on not examining the meaning of a branch as CANA maintains
- Only one justice need to concur for reconsideration
- Nothing definitive yet, issues to focus more upon contract law and property lines

No Senior Warden's Report or Junior Warden's Report were provided at this meeting

## **New Business**

- Dave Reed raised a question about a proposed church kindergarten program
  - For such a program, the school director may need a specific education degree
  - Funding reportedly was set aside for Babette Arnold, the preschool director and Melissa, her assistant, for a one-time expense of approximately \$5,000 to cover a semester
  - The need for subsequent funding has not been determined yet

- A consensus formed that this topic should be on the agenda for the next Vestry meeting
- Questions should be sent to Roger Kodat
- There is no volunteer to lead the planning of the Jubilee Celebration for next October
- There will be a Bible Alive session at the church soon
- Gin Edmunds noted that Fred Apelquist will be providing a ministry toolkit program for small group leaders during Sunday mornings this fall

### **Strategic Planning Discussion – Dennis McNeely**

- Lisa Ellis sent a message that expressed her thanks for those who helped to prepare the audio-visual presentation
- Gin Edmunds questioned the value of a distinct mission statement and vision statement for the church
  - Gin recommended that each portion of the mission statement begin with the phrase, “Every member...”
  - Vision statement expresses what we want to accomplish
  - Fr. Robin noted that the vision statement is an action able mission statement
- Five strategic themes:
  - Discipleship/Spiritual Growth
  - Evangelism
  - Every member serving
  - Communicating and implementing the mission statement
  - New members
- Every member and ministry leader needs to review the strategic goals
- Need teams to focus on translating goals to actions: Gin Edmunds and Tom Conlon volunteered for the initial activity

Roger Kodat moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM; seconded by Tom Conlon.