

**The Church of the Epiphany
Vestry Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: February 20, 2007**

The meeting opened at 7:05 PM with prayer time, followed by the vestry prayer.

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

Black, Murray	P	Pantzer, Larry	P
Cummings, Ross	P	Reed, David	P
Gregg, Ted	P	Reiter, Scott	P
Holmes, Kevin	P	Stromberg, Margaret	P
Morris, Ralph	E	Ticer, John	P
Oliphant, Mark	P	Welch, Jan	P

Also present: Father Robin and Father Luke.

Guest Reports: None

Committee Reports and Old Business:

1. Minutes

The minutes for the meeting of January 9, 2007 were approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion by Mark, seconded by Ted. The minutes for the meeting of January 21 were approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion by Jan, seconded by Margaret. The minutes for the meeting of January 28 were approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion by David, seconded by Kevin. The minutes for the meeting of February 4 were approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion by Margaret, seconded by Ross.

2. Treasurer's Report – Scott.

Scott began with a review Charlie Monroe's February 4 discussion of our new bank accounts. At this point, giving is \$51,000 below budget, which is way low compared to last year. We have received \$85,000 year-to-date against budget of \$137,000. Robin, the wardens, and our lawyer, Mary McReynolds, are drafting a letter telling the membership that their gifts to Epiphany are safe. Mary has technical concerns that make the latest draft too complex. We expect this to be resolved quickly and the letter to be sent this week. The report was approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion by Margaret, seconded by David.

3. Finance Committee Report – Scott.

Scott will provide reports that let us track our ministry budgets. The reports will provide a full year on a single page.

4. Rector/Warden's Report – Robin and Murray.

Sunday meetings are no longer needed except in urgent situations. David Reed is our Chancellor. David is the focal point for all legal matters and Mary McReynolds should work through him. We all must keep David in the loop for all legal matters.

5. Associate Rector's Report – Luke.

Luke is updating the Articles of Incorporation for vestry approval at a later date. He passed out an initial draft, which so far is mainly a cleanup of the current official version.

This year's Lenten Series will be "The Weight of Glory - 5 Staggering Rewards" and is based on a sermon by C.S. Lewis. What does it mean to be changed into His likeness? When God becomes a reality in your life, you *will* be changed. On March 16-18, Weight of Glory playwrights, husband-and-wife team of Jim Shores and Carol Anderson Shores, will be our

guests for the weekend, conducting a drama workshop on Friday and Saturday, performing a dinner theater on Saturday night, and performing again at the 10:00 service on Sunday.

6. Updating our Rolls – Mark

We need a process to track membership: who is with us, who is slipping away, etc. Mark and Jan will meet with Betsy and Anne, to discuss and outline the current process, and will make suggestions for improvement.

7. Vestry Training – Robin

Robin asked how well new vestry members were getting oriented. It would be helpful if ministry decisions were made earlier, soon after elections, so that new ministry leaders could shadow the old and get some training. Everyone should also receive Articles, Bylaws, and other common documents.

New Business

8. Chancellor's Report - David.

David reported on the status of lawsuits. All parties are trying to gain the property. All suits will likely be combined. He distributed a copy of the new suit from TEC and a draft letter notifying Epiphany's insurance carrier, Nuzum Insurance Agency, of the suit. Vestry members should each check whether we have any personal insurance that would cover us as individuals and inform David. The communiqué from the Primates Meeting will not affect the lawsuits unless carried out by the attorneys for the plaintiffs.

David will write up a summary of the duties of the Chancellor and of the lawsuits for publication in the Star, and will serve as contact point for questions from the membership.

9. Strategy Committee Report – John

The committee is engaged in contingency planning for what to do in the event of adverse situations, such as excessive litigation costs or loss of building.

10. Christian Ed Committee – Kevin

Kevin is working to form the committee. Most activities are already up and running, not on hold for the committee. He is looking for 5 to 7 members including a non-vestry co-chair.

11. Fellowship Committee – Jan

Betsey Malloy will be the speaker at the Women's Retreat. The Sunday fellowship snack is running out of money. Our Ambassadors are serving well but could benefit from leadership.

12. Vestry Retreat

The retreat is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 13-14. Murray will not be available.

13. Alteration of Church Annual Schedule

Budget, elections, stewardship, etc. all happen in the Jubilee to Christmas timeframe. We will consider pushing these into the Spring of 2008. Murray will pull together a concept to get us started and we will discuss it further at the vestry retreat.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM by unanimous consent to Scott's motion and John's second, and was followed by an Agape feast.