

**The Church of the Epiphany
Vestry Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: September 11, 2007**

The meeting opened at 7 PM with a devotional emphasizing prayer for the faith of one another, recognizing that faith is fundamental to the Christian's way of life. General prayer time was 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	P	Ticer, John	P
Oliphant, Mark	E	Welch, Jan	E

Also present: Father Robin, Father Luke, and Ken Bracy.

Reports and Old Business:

1. Bylaws Revision – Ken.

The issue of Membership being settled, Ken and the vestry acted on the following. Ken will deal with any remaining minor wording issues and finalize the Bylaws.

- In Article IV, strike “capital expenditures;” “lease,” and “or amendments of these bylaws” (leaving the purchase, sale, etc.)
- In Article V (D), strike “Part One” and change the disposition of vestry vacancies to state “Should a vacancy occur among the Members of the Vestry during the year between Annual Meetings, the Vestry shall have power to fill the same until the next Vestry election at which time the position shall be filled by election for the remainder of the term. The person selected to fill the vacancy may run for election at that time.”
- In Article VII (A) and in all remaining instances, replace “rectorship” with “cure”
- In Article X (A), strike specification of “2008” in defining the new fiscal year
- In Article XI, strike the part about preparing and mailing annual pledge statements
- Article XIII (C) will be reworded to “require approval of the vestry prior to acceptance by the church”

With these changes, the Bylaws were approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion by Scott, seconded by John.

2. Proposed ADV Constitution – Ken.

The primary areas of concern are:

- Choice of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, rather than the current 1979 version
- Use of the basic English version of the 39 Articles, rather than the 1801 US version
- Changing the composition of the Synod to afford more voting members from smaller congregations,
- Changing the definition of Synod quorum to require at least 50% representation of member churches, lay delegates, and clergy delegates
- Providing more frequent opportunity to amend the Constitution

Reports and Old Business:

3. Minutes – Larry.

The minutes of the August 14 meeting were approved upon changing the spelling of “Robby” to “Robbie” [Pruitt] by unanimous voice vote on a motion by Margaret, seconded by Larry.

4. Rector Report – Robin.

The ADV clergy retreat speakers were Bishop Bena and Bishop Guernsey. Bishop Orombi will speak this Saturday, September 15, 9-11 am at Truro. Murray recommends reading “What is Anglicanism” by Bishop Orombi. Keep in prayers the September 25-28 meeting of the Common Cause partners: AMIA, ACN, ADV, CANA, et al. Bishop Bena requested a prayer vigil for this event.

5. Chancellor Report – David.

Since the August hearing, all of the discovery is in and both sides are preparing for the November 19-21 trial. No new motions are expected.

6. Warden Report – Murray and Ralph.

Margaret is the chair of the vestry nomination committee. Mark and Jan are out of town.

7. Treasurer and Finance Committee Report – Scott.

Scott described the graphs in his handout. Great Commission contributions continue to be used for mortgage and a small amount of reserves are being applied to operations. Expenses are running slightly below budget, which helps. The September 16 Sunday bulletin will show we are \$137K behind.

Committee Reports and New Business

8. Election of Alternate Delegates to the ADV Convention

Ted volunteered to be an alternate and was unanimously elected by voice vote on a motion by Margaret, seconded by Scott. We need three more and will nominate and elect these by email.

9. Worship Committee – Margaret.

John Morris is our new vergier. We have no head chalice. Laura trained 12 acolytes, Susanne and Todd have “tons” of lectors, and we could use more altar guild members. Dave Welch will be ordained to the permanent diaconate at the Falls Church on October 20. Bishop Bena asked that Dave serve here, which is great.

10. New Business.

The nominating committee has met and developed a slate of names. Vestry discernment day is September 22.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM by unanimous consent and was followed by an Agape feast.

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