

**Chapel of the Cross****Vestry Meeting****March 16, 2005**

**Members Present:** Senior Warden, David Senn; Junior Warden, Suzie Pooley; David Conn; Brad Ewing; Samantha McLeod; Ruby Medlin; Kenny O'Neal; Liz Risher; Reggie Sims; Ralph Stillions

**Members Absent:** Bill Fanning; Keith Obert

**Clergy Present:** Ron DelBene; David Christian

**Vestry Clerk:** Jeannine Barrett

**Treasurer:** Steve Downs

<b>Topic / Action Taken</b>	<b>Follow Up</b>
Ron read scripture of The Last Supper Ron called the meeting to order.	
<b>Approval of February Minutes</b> – David Senn made a <b>MOTION</b> to accept the minutes. Motion seconded and <b>PASSED</b> .	
<b>Approval of February Financials</b> – Steve Downs gave a report on the February financials. Brad made a <b>MOTION</b> to accept the February Financial Report. Motion seconded and <b>PASSED</b> .	Formulate a process whereby the Convenors filter budget information to Committees.
<b>Recommendations from Finance Committee:</b> Brad gave a report from the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee has made a recommendation that the Senior Warden and Junior Warden officially be authorized to handle the refinancing of the Merchants and Farmers Bank note. Kenny made a <b>MOTION</b> that the Senior Warden and Junior Warden be authorized to negotiate the terms of the refinancing of the loan at Merchants and Farmers Bank, present the terms to the Vestry for approval and then finalize the refinancing of the loan. Motion seconded and <b>PASSED</b> .	
<b>Election of Council Delegates for 2006</b> Ron reported that the 2006 Delegates were to have been elected in February and approved in March. The Bishop has called a special session of the Council for October 1, 2005 in Vicksburg regarding The Windsor Report. Three delegates and three alternates need to be elected for the special session and those same people will serve at the 2006 Annual Council. Notices will go out via email, newsletter and bulletins for volunteers. The people who were elected in 2005 will be contacted to determine if they are interested in serving again.	Gather names of volunteers/nominees to present at April meeting.

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<p><b>Establish New Priorities for Interim Rector</b>  When Ron was called to serve as Interim Rector, priorities were established and now need to be revisited. Ron's mentioned that one of his priorities before the April meeting is to work on policies, procedures, staff job descriptions, and letters of agreement. Ron asked for suggestions from the Vestry for other areas of priority and these were presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- improve financial situation;</li> <li>- restructure organization of Committees to change from being Vestry-centered to being Committee-centered;</li> <li>- develop more adult education/formation opportunities;</li> <li>- explore possibility of providing an evening service that is more contemporary and evangelical.</li> </ul> <p>The priorities will be revisited in September.</p>	
<p><b>Updates for Our Information:</b></p> <p><b>Reflections on Two Sunday Morning Presentations</b>  Attendance seemed to be low at the second meeting.</p> <p><b>Parish Picnic</b>  No chairperson in place, but Tracey Carter and Leslie LeDoux have offered to help coordinate. Lind Bussey will not be able to attend but will share her notes from last year and help as she can.</p> <p><b>Wednesday Evenings from Easter - Pentecost</b>  Ron suggested a series of programs entitled "Celebrating the Spirit of the Chapel" which could include information on the history of the Chapel, stewardship, myths about the Chapel and where the Chapel is headed.</p> <p><b>Search Process</b>  <b>Joint Vestry/Search Committee Retreat</b>  Friday, April 15 in the evening and Saturday, April 16 all day.</p>	

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<p><b>Commission Reports</b></p> <p><b>Christian Stewardship</b>  Brad reported that the Committees have been broken down into three areas: Brad is over finance; Liz is over buildings and grounds; and Kenny is over stewardship. Work has already begun on the Wednesday Night Supper program.</p> <p><b>Christian Growth</b>  Ruby reported that there will be a meeting to divide the duties of the Commission. She is searching for a chairperson for Vacation Bible School. She invited everyone who is interested to watch one of the Catechesis classes. She reminded everyone about the upcoming dinner for parents of Nursesey age children.</p> <p><b>Christian Service</b>  Reggie and David Senn reported that last Saturday's Cook Day has provided a good supply of food to be available as needed. The Servant Ministry Committee held a meeting recently and elected Carol Hartman as the new Chairperson. A DITC meeting will be held in the near future for former chairpersons to share information with the leadership for this year's DITC.</p>	
<p><b>Other Agenda Items:</b></p> <p><b>Wardens' Reflections on Ministry</b>  David Senn encouraged everyone to attend as many of the Easter services and other events as they are able.</p> <p>Suzie reported that the Dewees House and apartment have been painted. The reroofing of the Parish Hall has been completed. She reminded everyone of the work day on Saturday and asked everyone who is able to help.</p> <p><b>Clergy Reflections on Ministry</b>  Ron reported how pleased he is with the work that Judy and Carrie are doing. Nat is working on coordinating a ski trip for the youth, as well as a mission trip to Florida in July.</p>	

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David Christian gave an overview of some of the Easter traditions begun by John Sewell and provided information about some of the upcoming services and events.	
<b>Dismissal Blessing</b> - Ron adjourned the meeting with a dismissal blessing.	

**Dates to Remember:**

Parish Picnic - Fri-Sun, Apr 22-24

Joint Vestry/Search Committee Retreat: 4/15-16

**FYI: Search Committee:** Whit Rayner, Chair; Pete Clark; David Conn; Pat Evans; Suzanne Files; Dick Lawrence; Anna McLeod; Reggie Sims; Lynne Stillions; Liz Welch