

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS

FEBRUARY 19, 2009 MEETING OF THE VESTRY MINUTES

PRESENT: Hermine Welch, Jr. Warden
Sandy Stater, Clerk
Steven Downs, Treasurer
Alston Johnson - Rector

VESTRY

MEMBERS: Betty Ruth Fox
Dick Lawrence
Russell Wilcox
Liz Welch
Bill Horne
Jon Woodward
Seymour Pooley
Whit Rayner

ABSENT: Ruby Medlin, Sr. Warden
Frances Christian

WELCOME AND OPENING OF VESTRY MEETING

OLD BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

January 21, 2009 Vestry minutes approved on motion of Bill Horne, 2nd by Hermine Welch - passed with all "ayes". Noted that these minutes are separate from the minutes of the special meeting held on January 24, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve Downs, Treasurer, presented the January financial report comprehensively - Seymour Pooley moved and Whit Rayner seconded and all voting "aye" to approve the January financial report.

VESTRY MEMBERS WELCOME

Alston welcomed Liz Welch and Betty Ruth Fox as new Vestry members.

COMMISSION STRUCTURE

Commission structure needs to be revised with new Vestry members .

CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

Scott Carter and Gibson Sims presented plans for the new addition to the Cemetery. Gibson and Scott state the committee had worked very hard to put the cemetery addition in place as economically as possible. The work includes building a new road to the Cemetery as well as surveying, platting and fencing the addition. Some of the fencing may be donated by a member. The estimated costs for the new addition is \$12,500.00. The committee asked to borrow the bulk of the funds from the existing cemetery fund to be paid back from the early sale of plots. Also, since the road will also serve the existing cemetery, the committee suggested 90% of those monies would be appropriately spent without repayment. Upon motion of Russell Wilcox with second by Jon Woodward and all present voting "aye", the Vestry voted to allow the Cemetery Committee to continue with their work on the new addition. The funding would be \$4,000.00 paid on the road without repayment and \$8,500.00 for the rest of the work to be paid back from the sale of lots with one-half of the price of the \$1,000.00 lot going to repay the loan and one-half going on the debt. When the loan to the Cemetery Fund is repaid, then the proceeds that were being paid to repay the loan will be paid into a fund to provide for the perpetual care of the new addition.

2008 PAROCHIAL REPORT:

The 2008 Parochial Report was presented and is attached to the Minutes.

MUTUAL MINISTRY REVIEW

Vestry and Wardens review rector and rector reviews lay leadership. Letter of Agreement between Rector and Parish formulated and executed between Parish and Rector. Further action to come later.

PARISH WEEKEND:

The Parish Weekend was set for the last weekend in April being April 24 - 26, 2009. How plan the Eucharist for that Sunday morning. Jon Woodward will head up planning for the weekend.

FINANCE REPORT:

Betty Ruth Fox presented a check to the Chapel for \$25,000.00 which was accepted by the Vestry with the provision that part of the money be used to create a memorial to Harriet Elizabeth Searcy by placing a granite bench on the grounds in her memory and honor. The remainder of the funds after the creation of this memorial will be put in the operating fund of the church. Lawrence made the motion and Rayner 2nd. All voted "aye".

Hermine Welch, Jr. Warden, reported on plumbing problems with the buildings. Also, the o-rings in the sprinkler system were recalled and work is ongoing to resolve this problem. The vent-a-hood over the stove needs to be brought up to code with fire retardant.

Russell Wilcox moved and Betty Ruth Fox 2nd to appropriate between \$6,000.00 - \$8,000.00 to bring the kitchen up to code. All voted “aye”.

PORCELAIN KEEPSAKES PROJECT

Rayner moved and Welch seconded to thank the MacGregors for their fine work on this project and the over \$5,000.00 contributed to debt reduction.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH:

Re-invigorate Wednesday night meeting times at Church.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE:

No further report.

SERVANT MINISTRY:

Working on a food pantry for local community.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

Work Saturday on new bulletin format. Altar Guild and Flower Guild workshop on Saturday, February 21.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Report made in Finance report.

**Move March Vestry to March 25th to accommodate Spring Break.
The meeting was concluded with Compline.**

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley F. Stater, III, Clerk