

Calvary Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2007, 6:00 p.m.
Emison Room

Vestry Present: David Balling, James Dowd, Suzanne Henley, Bill Henry, Keith James, David Lusk, Hester Mathes, Billy Oates, Fred Piper, Gayle Spence, Lee Wakeman

Vestry Absent: Chris Bird, Scott Crosby, Doug Ferris, Michelle Fulmer, Connie Ross, Beau Snowden, Peg Wahl

Others Present: Andy MacBeth, Cap Pinkham

Opening Prayer: Bill Henry

Bible Study: Andy MacBeth led a discussion on Luke 7:36-8:3

Membership: Billy Oates made a request that each vestry member sign up to call 5 or 6 missing members from a list that was compiled by the Evangelism committee as it studies what it has termed our open back door concern. Calvary is losing members as rapidly as it is gaining them, so an effort is being made to reach out to these lapsed members and find out the causes in order to address them.

Historical Documentary Proposal: Cap Pinkham

Laura Trott has been in touch with Verissima Productions who will be able to create a high quality historical documentary of Calvary's 175 years. This DVD could be used for new member ministry, annual giving and planned giving pitches, capital campaigns, evangelism and so on. The estimated cost would be @\$20,000 and Cap mentioned that there were already \$4,500 in specific gifts and \$10,000 coming from ECW as well as additional funds from the memorials committee. In other words this would be paid for without taking from the budget. The vestry approved the proposal.

Report from Renovation Committee: Cap Pinkham

A case narrative is being written based on need and tying Calvary's Strategic Goals and space study into the project. The committee will interview three candidates for the Capital Campaign Advisor job this month. Once the case narrative is finished, a team of presenters will have one-on-one focus group meetings with potential major donors. These are not "ask" meetings but more to test the waters and to get input. Then another presentation will be made to the congregation for input. The committee hopes to gather all these findings and make a report and recommendation to the vestry by August or September.

Committee Exploring Calvary's Space Issues: David Lusk

David Lusk, Connie Ross and John Jones have met two times to explore this committee's goals. They have agreed that a professional Programming Assessment of the Calvary facilities needs to be undertaken. The proposal is that this committee be charged to research and interview potential space programming professionals for Calvary. The concern was raised as far as whether this puts the renovation plans on hold or whether it will be done in conjunction with what is already underway. The consensus was that while it will be conducted in conjunction with what the renovations committee is doing, it might alter plans somewhat depending on what

this study uncovers. The vestry agreed that they should go ahead with this study and gather more information for the July meeting.

Approval of May Minutes: Hester Mathes

The May minutes were approved with 2 changes.

Proposal for ACE 2009 Bible Seminar:

Ace would like to request the ability to rollover unused money from its budget to future years in order to build up the necessary funds to have a high profile seminar featuring Crossan and Borg in 2009. This proposal was approved.

Rector's Report: Andy MacBeth

- Music Program: the summer choir has 36 participants including 6 new members. Sumner will be leading various Sundays on shape notes, Gospel, and Bach. He had 25 people tour the organ. There is a second bid on the organ repair which looks promising. Calvary is also searching for a director for the children's choir. The Calvary and the Arts line-up is almost complete and will have a few less Wednesdays, but wonderful offerings.
- @300 pictures have been taken for the pictorial directory
- New weekly electronic newsletter just began: The "E-pistle"
- Membership commitment form: the feedback was to tweak this in order to have a more positive and inclusive tone. Focus on concrete ways in which to get plugged in at Calvary.
- Summer vacation: the clergy has staggered vacations in order to leave Calvary well covered. A few support clergy will be brought in on Sundays when several clergy are away.

Membership Report: Billy Oates

This was a follow up to the earlier request for calls to be made to missing members. The list was circulated and everyone had a chance to sign up. The evangelism committee is asking for the vestry's help in closing the back door of Calvary. Let's reach out and get information on why members are leaving and what we can be doing better. If each vestry member calls at least 5 people, the initial list will be covered.

There will be a July 10th vestry meeting

Good of the Order: There was none.

Executive Session: There was none.

Closing Prayer:

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer remembering especially Chris Bird's father, who died this week, and keeping his family in our prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hester Mathes

