

Vision Statement:

- Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, St. Mark's Episcopal will:*
- a) *seek continual Spiritual and membership growth*
 - b) *strive for Christian Love, Peace and Unity through traditional celebration of the faith, fellowship, and open communication*
 - c) *share Christ's love with our community through personal actions and Outreach Ministries*
 - d) *guide, support and educate our children and youth in the traditional Christian faith*
 - e) *share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with non-believers and the un-churched, and*
 - f) *embrace our responsibilities of fiscal Stewardship.*

*Debbi Starr, Sr. Warden
Peter Dunn, Jr. Warden
Marie Bishop
Robinson Claytor
Lorraine Jacobi
Bette Mahony
Virginia "Flash" Reynolds
Emily Talbot-Guillote*

*Mahlon Kidd/Parish Treas.
Emily Talbot-Guillote/Clerk*

Our Mission: TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN!

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Vestry Business Meeting – **final minutes**
Carico Library
September 21, 2009

Present: Fr. Craig Dolack; Debbi Starr/Sr. Warden; Marie Bishop; Lorraine Jacobi; Bette Mahony; Emily Talbot-Guillote; Mahlon Kidd

Absent : Peter Dunn/Jr. Warden; Robin Claytor; Virginia "Flash" Reynolds

Visitors: None

1. Opening Prayer - silent contemplative prayer guided by Fr. Craig

2. Minutes from August 2009 Meeting - Emily Talbot-Guillote

Motion to approve by Ms. Bishop; seconded by Ms. Mahony. Approved without objection.

3. Treasurer's Report - Mahlon Kidd

Inc \$ 18,650.35 Exp \$ 13,866.67 Diff \$4,783.68

YTD \$137,126.33 Exp \$135,001.35 Diff \$2,124.98

Pledges

Mth \$ 10,420.00 YTD \$ 77,585.00 Diff (\$7,682.36)

Motion to approve Ms. Talbot-Guillote; seconded by Ms. Bishop. Approved without objection.

4. Rector's Update - Fr. Craig Dolack

- a. Revisit Vestry Covenant and Vestry Oath - executive session invoked by Fr. Craig Dolack
- b. Expectations and civil discourse - executive session invoked by Fr. Craig Dolack
- c. Parish-level policy for the protection of children and youth
 - i. Purpose and scope - put plan into place to do everything we can to deter sex predators and pedophiles. Put predictable policy into place for healthy, positive and loving affection toward young.
 - ii. Confidentiality of background information
 - iii. Diocesan mandate as Assistance to already begun parish-level work
 - iv. Expected date parish-level policy to be brought before Vestry for approval
- d. Use of Property Sale funds for needed physical plant maintenance - 10% designated as seed money for Endowment Fund
 - i. Roof over Carico Library in Ministry Center - Ceiling shows signs of water leakage, even in recent dry weather. Discussion re: feasibility of various means of procuring funds. Suggestion to expedite required three estimates before October meeting so matter can be voted on. Work needs to be done as soon as possible.

Motion by Ms. Mahony (as worded by Fr. Craig) to get three estimates to fix roof over Carico Library from plywood to shingles; to have special Vestry meeting after church to vote on roofer and to approve

having roof fixed; to approach congregation about funding after Stewardship Campaign and after project completed. Seconded by Ms. Bishop. Approved without objection.

ii. Painting buildings - Physical plant in dire need of painting, but too late in season. Painting from same funding

source, but work deferred until spring.

Motion by Ms. Talbot-Guillote (as worded by Fr. Craig) to obtain three estimates for painting all buildings including church building with work to be done in spring; to ask congregation for funding assistance after work done in spring. Seconded by Ms. Jacobi. Approved without objection.

e. Need to do Parish Walkabout with Executive Committee - To see campus as newcomer would see it

f. Older Youth Sunday School Curriculum - "My Faith, My Life - A Teen's Guide to the Episcopal Church" by Jenifer Gamber with Foreword by Katharine Jefferts Schori

5. Sr. Warden Update - Debbi Starr

a. Food Pantry steps - Jr. Warden has estimate for concrete steps with metal rail. Both Co-chairs are in favor of project. Ms. Mahony informed Vestry of anonymous grant to Food Pantry for project. Considering elimination of landscaping around current steps in order to build better steps. Discussion re: several design possibilities.

b. Endowment Fund Committee - Has not met since last Vestry meeting. Appears that next meeting opportunity will be October due to Committee members' commitments.

6. Jr. Warden Update (absent)

7. Old Business

a. Fall Heritage Days Follow up - Book Sale results were lower than expected. World Books won't take all remaining books; SPCK (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge will take, and we pay postage. Church Tours and ECW Bake Sale were well received. Fr. Craig feels that St. Mark's achieved what he wanted.

b. EMF Spaghetti Supper - Fr. Craig expects full Vestry participation. Plans well under way.

c. Recruiting of Stewardship Campaign Chairperson - Fr. Craig requests permission to approach possible candidate.

Motion by Ms. Talbot-Guillote to give Fr. Craig permission to approach possible candidate; seconded by Ms. Bishop. Approved without objection.

8. New Business

a. Stewardship Campaign Plan - Fr. Craig: Eight weeks actual/ four weeks advertised. Chocolate coffee hour on kick-off Sunday with pledge cards available there. Three contacts with follow-up. Three-four individuals to give three-minute reflections on why St. Mark's is so important to him/her. Continue to contact personally if no pledge card has been received.

b. Blessing of the Animals - Saturday 3 Oct 09 at 10:30am in Memorial Garden. Bring restrained animal/s or picture/s to be blessed.

Motions approved:

1. Motion to approve minutes

2. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report

3. Motion to get three estimates to fix roof over Carico Library from plywood to shingles; to have special Vestry meeting after church to vote on roofer and to approve having roof fixed; to approach congregation about funding after Stewardship Campaign and after project completed.

4. Motion to obtain three estimates for painting all buildings including church building with work to be done in spring; to ask congregation for funding assistance after work done in spring.

5. Motion to give Fr. Craig permission to approach possible candidate to head Stewardship Campaign.