

**ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MEETING OF THE VESTRY
December 19, 2007**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Sherri at 7:25 p.m.

Present: Marilyn Grimes, Cindy Hodges, Karen Hoth, Dodie LaMarte, Sherri Landmann, Chuck McKean

Absent: Tim Brennan, Steve LaRowe, Shelley McKean, Ann Merry

1. Opening prayer was led by Sherri.
2. Minutes: Moved by Marilyn, seconded by Karen, to accept the minutes of the vestry meeting of 11/14/07 as presented; carried unanimously.
3. Financial Report: There was no Financial Report available.
4. Outreach and Growth Report: Nothing to report this month.
5. Search Committee Report: Karen reported that the new rector's official start date is January 21, and her first worship service will be January 27.
6. Memorial Report: Cindy reported that she would like the Committee to meet to discuss the needs of the parish in regard to memorial gifts. Steve LaRowe is committee chair.
7. Special Events and Fellowship Report: Cindy reported that the Baby Jesus Birthday Party will follow the Christmas Eve service. Since there is no vestry member scheduled to be "on duty" that evening, Chuck volunteered to "host" the party and serve as Vestry on Duty.
8. Worship Report: No formal report. Some discussion of the Christmas Eve service. Dana, the part-time organist, is hired for the evening and Monique Ellison will officiate. Sherri reported that Monique and Dana were paid for 12/17 (the service that was cancelled due to inclement weather).
9. Communications and Newsletter Report:
 - a. 2008 Directory Update: Chuck reported that he has received the paperwork for the directory; it is due to the publisher by March and will be published in April.
10. Building and Grounds Report:
 - a. Boiler Repair: Chuck reported that one of the pump motors needed repair but it was under warranty so it was repaired at no charge.
 - b. Cleaning Service: Chuck reported that he plans on getting bids for a new provider when he is off work over the holidays. Marilyn suggested contacting other local churches.
 - c. Snow Service: We still do not have a contract with Scott Wilmoth. Chuck will write up a contract that will clearly define the scope of work.
 - d. Approval to Buy Smoker's Waste Can: Chuck provided pictures of three different types, all were under \$100. Moved by Dodie, seconded by Karen, to authorize \$80 for the purchase of a smoker's waste can, to be picked out by the junior warden; motion carried unanimously.

11. Deacon's Report: Dave was not present. Sherri indicated that she has talked to John Keydel regarding us keeping the Deacon after the new rector starts. Rev. Keydel has asked Sherri to write a letter to the bishop, and our request will be taken into consideration upon the Bishop's consultations with the new rector and Dave.

12. Other Business;

- a. Nominating Committee: Outgoing vestry members are Dodie, Karen, and Steve, and they will comprise the Nominating Committee. Cindy indicated that Jack Hodges would consider submitting his name, and Chuck indicated Shelley would also consider running.
- b. Special Recognitions: Chuck suggested the Search Committee be recognized for their efforts this year. The consensus was that everyone should think of deserving candidates for consideration at the next meeting.
- c. Parochial Report and Membership Update: The Parochial Report is a status report of the parish's ministry, finances, membership, etc. that is submitted annually to the Diocese. Sherri reported that it will be done on time this year. She and Dave Carlson will work on cleaning up the membership roster; we need a number to calculate growth.
- d. Pledge Update: Sherri reported that there are still some outstanding pledges but so far we have heard from 23 households with total pledges of \$45,714; last year we had 19 pledges totaling \$46,600.
- e. Annual Meeting: Is scheduled for January 27, 2008. The Finance team will meet before the next vestry meeting to prepare the 2008 budget. Team Annual Reports are requested by 1/13/08 and should include what happened in 2007 and what we would like to see in 2008.
- f. Covenant Players: Sandy Toms has requested that the Covenant Players be invited to one of our services; the cost is \$225.00 plus a plate offering. It was decided that this should be tabled to get the new rector's input.
- g. Sherri read a letter from the SAA group that meets in Merifield on Tuesdays. They are raising their donation to \$100.

13. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2008.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dodie LaMarte, Secretary