

## Minutes: Regular Vestry Meeting – January 24, 2007

This meeting was called to order by Rev. Lawrence, who offered prayer and invited reflections by members. A quorum was not met. Excused: M. Keene, D. Wiuff. Absent: B. Fritz, D. Mink. Also attending: Rev. Patricia Moore.

The primary focus of this meeting was the proposed 2007 budget. A review of the current version was provided by Treasurer John Nykamp, and includes nearly \$34,000 more in planned spending than in anticipated revenue. Extensive discussion on budgeting concepts and on individual line items ensued. Members expressed a deep concern about our financial status – especially depleting Estates Funds, our ‘rainy day savings account’ – and do not know how they will balance the 2007 budget without additional pledge income. Members agreed to wait for our stewardship leaders’ next update on our 2007 pledges status before taking final budget action at their February 9 retreat-meeting.

Final 2006 budget action. The vestry agreed to transfer \$56,900.28 from our Estates Funds to cover the parish’s operating expenses exceeding revenue. [M-Nykamp, 2-Wager, Majority, including follow-up electronic vote]

Staff effectiveness is impaired and confidentiality risks increased by our under-performing computer network, as reported by Nykamp. A network server ‘fix’ would require \$8,500 from Estates Funds. Discussion tabled to next meeting.

Various donors have provided \$500 to help pay for costs of the ad setting out this parish’s response to the Petaluma church’s ‘disassociation’ action.

Rev. Lawrence reviewed plans for the Annual Parish Meeting, to be held January 28, and commented on the importance of vestry members attending.

The vestry has approved the recommendation of our Outreach Commission to use outreach funds to underwrite travel expenses of some Incarnation volunteers traveling to New Orleans to assist St. George’s Parish church with their major annual fundraiser. St. Georges’ is working to pay off their \$60,000 insurance deductible on hurricane repairs. Estimated assisted travel costs range from \$1,800 to \$2,400.

It was noted that The Living Room will likely receive \$160,000 from a federal grant award. This would be used to hire 1½ caseworkers for 20 months.

Rev. Moore urged vestry members to consider attending an exciting conference “Greeting, Growing, and Giving.” Conference leaders are considered the best practitioners in the western states in stewardship, evangelism, and congregational development, and will share their ‘best practices’ with attendees. March 23 (1:00pm) – March 25 (noon), Sacramento.

At 9:39pm the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be the annual organization meeting, welcoming newly-elected vestry members and electing officers, at the vestry’s retreat.

Prepared January 24, 2007 by Michael Hickey, Clerk

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