

Vestry retreat February 26-27, 2010

Vestry members present at retreat: Karen Murphy, Owen Smith, Lynda Adams, Gabriel Akoi, Rob Atwell, Deb Hunter, Ron Tiller, Brian Tillman, Becky Wells. Also present: Father Jim Croom

HOPES / DREAMS

Visibility

Visibility to the community at large - perhaps advertise - growth to 2 services?

Property

Begin process to assess the value and potential of all our land

Outreach

Outreach to the community could include partnerships with businesses or the use of debit cards for people in need

Youth ministry

Support a youth group and possibly mission trip

Building

Working on building repairs with the help of our sexton Dennis, funding needed for the building

Items being worked on

Nursery coverage, advertising, informing congregation of financial status

PRIORITIES

Visibility

Visibility is a top priority as it leads to growth and outreach

Youth

GOALS

Visibility

Marketing - to include the website and better communication, as well as a digital billboard

Evangelism

Develop a welcome packet - leads to membership growth and development

Community Outreach and Mission

Possible partnership with our church users

Actively participate in Diocesan activities at the youth level

Coffee hour / third Sunday speakers

TASKS

Marketing

Establish a committee to focus on a strategy and implement it - Owen, Ron, Brian, Kyler

Mission statement - vestry should work on developing a new mission statement (short and to the point)

Harvest Festival committees working on planning for the fall

Membership Growth and Development (MGD)

Develop a welcome packet

Shepherd system - one person assigned to help out a newcomer

Formation across the board - Bible study and Episcopal tradition

Property Development Committee

Assess the value of the property

Inventory of the building

Consider options for use of the property - keep congregation informed on a

regular basis perhaps at coffee hour or use the calendar at google
Dennis and Dan would be possibilities for this committee

VESTRY LIAISONS

Outreach - Gabriel	Finance - Rob and Brian
Parish Life - Becky and Karen	Worship - Brian
Education - Deb and Lynda	Marketing - Owen
MGD - Deb and Becky	Fundraising - Ron
Property Development	

EXECUTION

Explain the purpose of each committee
Position description for each job and current committee members
Develop a plan with specific objectives to be accomplished by specific dates
If additional resources are needed - ask
Regular monitoring by Senior Warden and the vestry

INFORMATION FOR CALENDAR

First Sunday of every month is youth service
Last Sunday of every month is ingathering of food for food pantry
Advent:

- Candle lighting with Advent wreath
- St. Nick visit
- Lessons and Carols
- Taize service
- Ladies Christmas dinner
- Church decorating - greening of the church
- Christmas Eve service
- Children's event

Epiphany (January):

- Annual meeting

February:

- Renewal of marriage vows
- Dessert auction for youth activities
- Vestry retreat
- Bowling event

February to March (movable):

- Shrove Tuesday pancake supper
- Ash Wednesday service
- Soup suppers for Lent

March to April (movable):

- Music and meditation on Palm Sunday
- Holy Week - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday Solemn Collects, Good Friday

stations of the cross

- Easter egg decorating/hunt
- Easter Vigil
- Easter Sunday breakfast
- Easter service

April:

- Diocesan convention

Pentecost:

Combined service with other congregations using our church - includes gospel
read in other languages

Blessing of the prayer shawls

May:

Celebration of the Sunday School Year

June:

Golf outing and barbeque

July:

Vacation Bible School

Church camp

Car wash

August:

Youth camp

September:

Stewardship

Sunday School start up

Harvest Festival

October:

Feast of St. Francis - Blessing of the animals

Halloween/Autumn Party

November:

All Saints Day

Thanksgiving baskets

Pledge in-gathering

Thanksgiving meal

Wyoming Christmas store

BUSINESS:

The parochial report was reviewed. Brian made a motion to accept the report, Ron seconded, and the motion was passed. The Use and Care Policy for Holy Trinity was reviewed. Ron suggested some changes: the definition of Holy Trinity campus should be amended to include all acreage, brick/masonry walls should be changed to include any wall, give a specific TV channel to contact for closing information (channel 8). Owen made a motion that the Use and Care Policy be accepted as amended, Becky seconded and the motion passed.

Submitted by: Lynda Adams