

## **Holy Trinity Episcopal Church**

Vestry Meeting

March 24, 2011

Roll Call: Father Jim Croom, Kevin Murphy, Ron Tiller, Deb Hunter, Rob Atwell, Lynda Adams, Gabriel Akoi, Deidre Toeller-Novak, Chuck Miller present. Brenda Amato and Brian Tillman absent.

Father Jim opened the meeting with a prayer.

Opening remarks by Kevin Murphy: Committee reports should only take part of the meeting so there will be adequate time to discuss and work on business.

Rob made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting – the vestry retreat. Gabriel seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Rob discussed the financial report. January to February the revenue exceeded budget due to special offerings. Spending was higher than budget due to a fee to refinance the mortgage, Christmas concert proceeds went to outreach, office expenses were high, and we had to pay a payroll tax levy from the IRS, which should be refunded.

Rector's Report: Father Jim wants to have the Senior Warden as the chair of the vestry. There will be no Easter Vigil service this year. Anyone with concerns or questions about this is invited to talk with Father Jim. Good Friday evening there will be a Stations of the Cross held in the pines, followed by a Taize service. There will be a special service held on Sunday, 9/11 this year. Christmas Eve is a Saturday night and Father Jim is planning on an earlier Christmas Eve service. Father Jim is taking vacation May 19-May 31. He will be gone two Sundays. Father Jim will be using Mondays for pastoral visits. Please notify him of any pastoral visit needs.

Senior Warden's Report: Kevin is working on putting people on committees. He is working on financial reports and loading the budget on peachtree. He has prepared the Parochial Report. Kevin reported that there have been some issues with bank deposit

accuracy so special care is needed when counting money on Sundays. Three categories are needed – plate, pledges, and specials.

Junior Warden's Report: Ron handed out a written report. After some discussion, it was suggested that Dennis change the date for the yard clean up to April 16. The Junior Warden is looking at reducing the heat in the sanctuary in the summer. Suggestions include new LED bulbs, more ceiling fans, and air conditioning. The vestry instructed Ron and Chuck Miller to gather information on air conditioning.

New Business: Chuck suggested that Holy Trinity donate \$50 to the charity which Kyler Wells discussed on Sunday. Our name would go on special jerseys. Gabriel made a motion to donate \$50 and Chuck seconded. The motion passed.

Ron reported that the elevator needs a block to fill a void between the swinging door and the grid. That will be discussed at a later date.

A new garage door opener is needed for the rectory. Ron made a motion to replace the opener with a similar one not to exceed \$250. Chuck seconded and the motion passed.

Deb made a request for funds to help with the Sunday School Easter basket and gift bag project. The items are donated to a domestic abuse shelter. The request should be referred to Outreach.

Father Jim discussed information he received on the need for affordable housing. Could the back five acres be used for this purpose?

We discussed the four special committees. Parish Growth Committee includes Deidre, Ron, Beth Smith, Karen Murphy, Eunice Converse, Gary Skidmore, and Bill Atwell. Stewardship Committee includes Chuck Miller and Bill Atwell. Mission and Ministry Committee will include Kevin and Becky Wells. Barb Berthuis and Kyler Wells were suggested for the Spiritual Growth Committee. Kevin asked that the vestry be informed of the initial meeting of the committees.

Wata Akoi received a thank you card for books sent by St. Luke's to her former church in Liberia. Could we consider helping them as well?

Chuck requested a thank you card be sent to his Aunt Sara for a donation to the nursery. She donated a floor oilcloth with roads printed on it and toy cars to run on it.

Next Meeting: The next vestry meeting will be **Tuesday, April 19.**

Chuck made a motion to adjourn, Gabriel seconded and the motion passed.

Father Jim closed with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynda Adams

