

**Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
5333 Clyde Park SW
Wyoming, MI 49509**

**Vestry Meeting
November 10, 2011**

Roll Call: Kevin Murphy, Deidre Toeller-Novak, Deb Hunter, Lynda Adams, Chuck Miller, Brian Tillman, Brenda Amato, Father Jim Croom.

Absent: Rob Atwell, Ron Tiller, Gabriel Akoi

Opened meeting in prayer.

Treasurer's Report:

Income slight up due to rent received early. Expenses up due to bills not received on printing costs in prior months. Water bill was high again this quarter. Possible leak underground. Ron & Dennis to work together to research.

Father Jim's Report:

We will be needing a new outreach chair. Have an offer to serve as interim until new chair person is in place.

State of congregation is generally healthy.

Survey holds a lot of information. Hold a general discussion tonight and have a more in-depth discussion at next vestry meeting.

Very impressed with care and concern of congregation over accident. Leads to a special concern in regards to those who live on their own. We need to show we care.

Sunday, Nov 20 – Father Jim & Stephanie will travel to North Carolina to bring Stephanie's mother to live in Michigan.

Have a good feeling and optimism towards the community of believers.

Senior Warden's Report:

No specific items. Potential replacement for treasurer. Senior Warden to offer position. Want to have higher visibility of women in leadership positions.

Junior Warden's Report:

No current issues other than water issue.

Budget:

Reviewed potential budget for 2012. What about Building Fund – Capital Projects? Shouldn't we be saving for a rainy day.

Serious issues to be dealt with: Building Maintenance going forward & What to do with additional land and additional income. Should coordinate with our Mission & Ministry.

Income looks like a stretch for our community but can be attainable.

We need to follow through on our promise to provide for the rector's insurance.

Chuck will speak on Sunday & Kevin will follow-up with a letter.

New Business:

Father Jim would like to have a fundraiser on Thursday, December 22 with accompanist. Want the money to go towards outreach and nursery improvements. Brian moved to approve, Deidre 2nd, All approved.

Christmas Eve Service – Carol sing at 7pm, Eucharist at 7:30pm

Nursery – Would like to see an update on furnishings & toys. New families need to feel comfortable on leaving their children and a clean, new place for little ones is a great ministry.

Survey:

Good comments. Need to throw out extreme highs and lows.

In regards to youth, we have a wide range of ages and it is hard to co-ordinate. Need to provide resources to help and strengthen desire to support youth. i.e. meet with other churches.

Responses show a desire for more bible study. Maybe make it more casual instead of formal. Need to have “Episcopal 101” course. Lots of new people who would like to learn about the traditions of the church.

Vestry members to take paper and begin to quantify responses to get a handle on themes. Will facilitate the conversation in a purposeful way. How we as a vestry tell the congregation how we are moving forward. What are we going to do?

We got a good response and good ideas. Would like to be able to take a few ideas forward into the annual meeting and work on making them happen.

Next meeting – December 9, 2011

Closed with Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Amato