

**St. Francis Episcopal
Vestry Minutes
January 9, 2007**

Present: All members present at the beginning of the meeting. Also present were Nathaniel Lim and Carla Thompson.

Absent: None.

The meeting was opened in prayer by Fr. Chris at 7:03 pm. Barbara Ratcliffe expressed her appreciation for being allowed to serve on the vestry.

The December vestry minutes were accepted and approved.

Old Business

1. Office Computer—Dick is currently looking for a suitable replacement.
2. Recruiting Vestry Members and Diocesan Delegates—continuing to recruit new vestry members and delegates. There have been positive responses regarding running for delegate positions. So far only Mary Von Nostern and Bill Krivan have consented to run for vestry. Churches with only nine vestry members have problems finding nominees. Lowering the number of vestrypersons to nine was discussed.

New Business

1. Restatement of Articles of Parish Corporation—Our articles of corporation need to be rewritten to:
 - A. Replace references to the Diocese of California with El Camino Real.
 - B. Explicitly provide that the church holds its property in trust for the diocese and the national church.

There are an increasing number of parishes and dioceses withdrawing from the Episcopal Church of the United States (ECUSA). Many states have loopholes that may allow them to keep the church property. ECUSA canons provide that church property is held in trust. This restatement would also act as a general clean up. The proposal was moved by Richard and seconded by Melinda. Ayes 11, Noes 0 Abstentions 0. Approval by the congregation at the Parish Annual Meeting is also necessary.

2. Ministry Grid—everyone checked the grid. Fundraisers moved to Administration.
3. Parochial Report—Nathaniel and Fr. Chris will prepare this. The parochial report must be current to vote at convention.

Reports

1. Rector—Annual reports are due January 11. The annual meeting is January 21 at the 10:00 service.
2. Wardens—Melinda stated that she was honored to be the Senior Warden. She showed the material selected for the chapel pews. A bid of \$10,980.00 was

- received to redo all pews in the chapel. Need \$6,000.00 upfront to get the work started and the balance upon completion. It was proposed to sell pews for \$275.00. Melinda will head up this fundraiser. David spoke of the work of the Bishop Search Committee.
3. Administration—Denise Terrasas, David Morris and Stephanie Cooper are working the website. CYF newsletter must go through David for posting. Stephanie and David will make all changes on the web.
 4. Buildings & Grounds—chapel pews (see Warden report)
 5. Child, Youth & Family—2007 planning is underway. The youth generate and run their own events.
 6. Education—working on better publicity for the new series of adult classes.
 7. Outreach—the African Team Jewelry sale ran for 3 weeks and netted \$1300.00. Thanks to Richard Wright.
 8. Parish Life—no report
 9. Pastoral Care—currently planning an estate planning program.
 10. Worship—the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve were on the same day. The Appalachian Epiphany program was a hit.

Financials

1. Yearend Donations—received \$20,000.00 on Christmas Eve. Dick suggested that we use \$5,000.00 for the chapel pews. This was moved by Cristine and seconded by Helen. Ayes 11, Noes 0 and 0 Abstentions. Melinda will announce this to the 8:00 Service.
2. Preliminary Yearend Financials—pledge YTD is \$10,000.00 ahead.
3. Fair Share Calculation—effective January, 2007 this calculation will be based on current income and should be around \$3,695.00 monthly. The Fair Share payment is due on the 12th of each month.

The meeting was adjourned by Fr. Chris at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Thompson, vestry clerk