

St Francis Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
February 13, 2007

Present: All members present. Also present Fr. Chris Creed and Carla Thompson. The meeting was opened in prayer by Bill Krivan at 7:03 pm. All new vestry members were welcomed.

The January vestry minutes were accepted and approved.

Old Business

1. Election of Junior Warden, treasurer and clerk—David Morris was elected Junior Warden, Nathaniel Lim was elected treasurer and Carla Thompson was elected clerk. The elections votes for each office were as follows: Ayes 12, Noes 0 and Abstentions 0.
2. Confirm email addresses—List was passed around to confirm or correct each member's email address.
3. Soup Supper assignments—Finalized assignments. It was suggested that we sell bottle water. Soup makers need to provide coffee. Contact Roseanne Carter if you need her assistance. Any monetary donations need to go in the safe.

New Business

1. Retreat and social—Explained purpose of the retreat to the new members. Various options were discussed regarding this year's retreat. The decision was made to have a Friday night social in at Fr. Chris's home and a Saturday working session at the church.
2. Appreciative Inquiry—A technique to tap into the values an organization and gives positive appreciations to each participant. This technique will be used at the retreat and will require prior preparation by each person.
3. Assessment of ministry grid—reviewed the current grid. Decided to remove Inn Vision form the grid.
4. Neighborhood parking—neighbors have been annoyed by poorly parked vehicles. The leaders of our rental groups have been spoken to about the situation. It was suggested that a letter be written to our groups reminding them of the parking restrictions. Bill Krivan and Melinda Dobbs will speak to the affected neighbors. It may become necessary to allow some cars to ticketed and towed.

Financials

1. Check signing authority—Senior Warden, Junior Warden and the treasurer have the authority to sign checks.
2. January Financials—not available.
3. Parochial Report—will approve it at the retreat.
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Reports

1. Rector—inviting vestry members to participate in opening and closing prayers. David will do March, Peter will do April and Janet will do May. Also expressed interest that all ministry areas provide articles for the Franciscan—next due date is March 2nd.
2. Wardens—Bill is looking forward to his service on the vestry. David reported the progress the Bishop Search committee has made—now in process of paring down the list and doing face-to-face interviews. Hope to have a completed slate by March.
3. Administration—the estate planning seminar by Joe Dworak is in planning stages. Currently looking at a Dell PC (\$1,000.00 price tag) to replace the office computer. Will try to negotiate the price. The next fundraiser will be a yard sale on June 2nd. Justin Hough and Richard Wright have set up a recycling program. Barbara Ratcliffe has carpet at her hotel to offer the church. The contact sheet on our website has been updated—if you would like your name to be a link send David an email. Plans to archive the vestry minutes.
4. Buildings & Grounds—plan to replace our storage shed.
5. Child, Youth and Family—Youth group is going strong and has many activities planned. The next meeting is February 25th. The CYF newsletter is called “Fruit of the Spirit”. A children’s Lenten series has been planned.
6. Education—currently planning new classes.
7. Outreach—In process of forming a committee. The Lenten project is “Love Loaves”.
8. Parish Life—planning Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and the Soup Suppers.
9. Pastoral Care—no report
10. Worship—Ash Wednesday services will be at 11:00 am., 4:00 pm. (Children’s) and 7:00 pm. Also planning the Holy Week services.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Fr. Chris at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Thompson, vestry clerk