

**St. Gregory's
Vestry Minutes
February 12, 2009**

Physical Nourishment: Tim furnished barbecue for dinner.

Spiritual Nourishment: Father Todd led the recitation of Vespers.

Quorum: *Present:* Tim Dennis, Father Todd Sorensen, Harvey Frank, Bonnie Frank, Gary Schanbacher, Ori Roberts, and John Manta. *Absent:* Jami Jones, Bill Kreidler, Scott Kingsbury, and Jim Tierney. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Agenda: There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: The January minutes were approved as circulated on a motion from Tim that was seconded by Gary.

Old Business

Facilities: No change in the status of the inventory. There was a brief discussion on the best time to paint the parish hall. Rather than trying to do it on clean up day, it would be a better idea to schedule it as a special project in the summer when Montessori isn't in session so the paint fumes won't be such a problem.

Shepherding: A number of parishioners have been having health problems. Rene Hopkins recently had a cancerous kidney removed. Both Carolyn Kowalchik and Diane Aikins have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Monica Norwood's daughter has also been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Legacy Society: No report.

Goals & Strategies: Everyone should be thinking about goals and strategies for 2009.

Web Page: Father Todd has the front page for the web page and one other page. There will be links to other pages when the project is finished.

Electronic Giving: Father Todd is still checking this out.

Vestry Nominations: Cynthia Roberts is the only candidate to date. Scott has agreed to continue as Senior Warden. Father Todd will talk with Bill about continuing as Junior Warden. We still need two more candidates before the annual meeting.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will be February 22. There will be one service at 9:00 a.m. followed by a pot luck brunch and the meeting.

Vestry Retreat: The annual vestry retreat will be March 6th and 7th. There will be dinner for the new vestry at Father Todd's on Friday the 6th. Both the outgoing Vestry and the new Vestry will meet at St. Phillip's in Sedalia on Saturday morning. The March vestry meeting will be after lunch on Saturday. Vestry members will share their Faith Journeys after dinner on the 6th.

Empowered Leadership Workshop: The diocese will be holding Empowered Leadership Workshops again this year. St. Gregory's will register for the one at Christ Church on Saturday, April 25.

New Business

Annual Reports: Annual Reports are due this Sunday, the 15th, so they can be included in the report distributed at the annual meeting.

Diocesan Convention: The Diocesan Convention will be held in Pueblo this year, the first weekend in October. We will elect our delegates to the convention at the annual meeting. The parish will cover the cost of hotel rooms for the delegates.

Letters from the Bishop: Letters of inhibition and deposition from Bishop O'Neill concerning priests of the diocese were distributed to the vestry. Inhibition is the first step in leaving the priesthood. Once a priest has been deposed, he/she can't return.

Financial Report: Harvey presented the January financial report. The report is preliminary because not all the accounts are balanced yet. There was good news and bad news. A number of donations and pledges were received, but we are behind in pledge & plate collections for January. Expenses were also below budget, leaving a cash flow deficit of \$1,000. Jorie and Harvey have spent a lot of time getting the new accounting software up and running. The new reports have a different look, which Harvey went over in detail. We need to decide what needs to be included in the reports for the Vestry. The suggestion was made to send a quarterly letter to parishioners reporting on the budget status.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned in prayer at 7:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: Saturday, March 7, 2009, following the Vestry Retreat at St. Phillip's in Sedalia.