

**St. Gregory's
Vestry Minutes
January 15, 2009**

Physical Nourishment: Bill Kreidler furnished dinner.

Spiritual Nourishment: Father Todd led the recitation of Vespers.

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

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

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

Old Business

Facilities: The person who was going to paint the parish hall is not going to do it after all. Perhaps we can get it finished with volunteers during the spring work day. Inventory: The inventory is now finished; Jorie is assembling the inventory into a notebook.

Shepherding: Father Todd announced that Al Norton's mother died very unexpectedly.

Legacy Society: Al Ogden is still planning to do a presentation on starting a Legacy Society for St. Gregory's.

Goals & strategies: Father Todd asked everyone to start thinking about new goals and strategies for the coming year.

Small Groups: The men's group has already met. They will be meeting every other Tuesday. Fewer women have signed up for a women's group. John is still looking for one or two women to lead this group. Some women expressed an interest in groups that are mixed, such as a mom and child group or a couples group.

Web Page: Father Todd is still working on the new web page.

Pictorial Directory: The directory is now in production. There are 34 finished, more will be available to be passed out soon.

Electronic Giving: Nothing further has been done on this.

New Business

Approval of December 2008 Financial Report and 2009 Budget: Harvey gave the December 31, 2008, financial report: Month and Year End. The financial report was approved for audit on a motion from Bill that was seconded by John. Harvey presented the budget report. A category has been added for additional pledge. This will include money from those who didn't pledge and those who increase their pledge during the year. The budget as presented is a bare bones budget with no allowance for inflation or raises, and eliminates a staff position. We will be unable to pay a salary for the Youth Director, but Ashlee has volunteered to continue with the youth group every other week without a salary. Scott moved that the Counseling Fund be liquidated and the money be used to decrease the deficit on the 2009 budget. Bill seconded the motion. The money was originally donated to be used for anything the parish needed it for in response to the Columbine shootings. Father Todd has been unable to reach the donor to obtain her consent. The motion passed. The budget for 2009, with the additional money from the Counseling Fund, was approved on a motion from Scott that was seconded by Bill. A special thank you to Harvey, Jorie, the RAC, and Gary for all their hard work on the budget and stewardship was also approved. The presentation of the budget as prepared by Harvey was approved on a motion from Gary that was seconded by Tim.

Rector's Housing Allowance Resolution: Bill moved and John seconded that: Whereas The Rev. Todd W. Sorensen is employed as a minister of the Gospel by The Episcopal Parish of St. Gregory, Littleton, Colorado, which does not provide a residence for him, the vestry resolves that of the total compensation paid to Father Sorensen during 2009, that the amount of \$60,000 be designated a parsonage allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986. The resolution was passed. The original, signed by the Clerk of the Vestry will be given to Father Todd and a copy will be filed with the minutes.

Vestry Nominations: Those leaving the vestry next month are Jim Tierney, Tim Dennis, and Gary Schanbacher. Cynthia Roberts would like to be on the Vestry. There was a brief discussion; the consensus was that there is no objection to spouses serving at the same time. We do need to recruit persons to run for the open positions. The names and biographies should be submitted by February 1 to be included in the next Chant.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will be February 22. There will be one service at 9:00 a.m., followed by the annual meeting. Brunch will be served. The date of the Vestry retreat will be announced when it is set up. The retreat should be either February 28 or March 7.

Empowered Leadership Workshop: The diocese is presenting Empowered Leadership Workshops again this year for the formation of new and returning Vestry members. St. Gregory's will cover the \$15 per person registration fee. The workshop in our area is April 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Christ Church.

Alpha: The plan is to reactivate Alpha sometime in March. We need to advertise for help in order for this to happen. We need an overall coordinator and others to help with food and the meeting itself.

Fellowship: There will be a Valentine's date night on February 14 with a dinner and a movie. "Light the Fire Night". The movie "Fireproof" will be shown, babysitting will be available. There will be a spaghetti dinner. The cost will be \$10 per couple.

Bishop's Meetings and Actions: Bishop O'Neill has been meeting with the clergy to keep the lines of communication open. In the interim period, he asked for patience while the Anglican communion is working on all the issues. Pastoral actions in the meantime will include: There will be no blessing of same sex unions. Gay and lesbian pastors will be allowed in those churches where they are currently serving and/or those who have had gay and lesbian pastors in the past. The Bishop will be issuing new guidelines for restricted giving. He also indicated he will allow alternative episcopal guidance also. He is urging everyone to stay with the communion and be patient.

Next Meeting: The next Vestry meeting will be Thursday, February 12, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. Tim volunteered to bring dinner.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned in prayer at 8:10 p.m.