

**St. Gregory's  
Vestry Minutes  
September 11, 2008**

**Physical Nourishment:** Jim Tierney furnished fried chicken for dinner.

**Spiritual Nourishment:** Father Todd led the recitation of Rite II Evening prayer, including a special litany in remembrance of the attack on 9/11.

**Quorum:** *Present:* Harvey Frank, Bonnie Frank, Orié Roberts, Father Todd Sorensen, John Manta, and Jim Tierney. *Absent:* Gary Schanbacher, Bill Kreidler, Scott Kingsbury, Jami Jones, and Tim Dennis. There was not a quorum present.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Since there wasn't a quorum, approval of the August minutes will be tabled until the next meeting. Those present had no additions or corrections to make to the minutes as circulated.

**Old Business**

**Facilities:** Jorie should have the inventory list completed in the near future. The parish hall will be painted as a community service project by a person on probation. The project has been approved by his probation officer. We will need to rent scaffolding and buy the paint. Orié will be taking over as the primary facilities person.

**Shepherding:** Nothing new to report.

**Legacy Society:** Nothing new to report.

**Ministry Articles in Chant- Chant Online:** This month's ministry article for the Chant is Spiritual Growth. There will continue to be a Chant article featuring a different area of ministry each month. The transition to the Chant online has not been seamless. Some members either don't want to or can't receive PDF files by e-mail. These members will be added to the list to receive a hard copy. Notice that the current Chant is available is e-mailed to parishioner's with a link to the Chant. There is also a link to the Chant on our web page. There was a brief discussion about changing the design of our web page. John Manta has purchased the URL for stgregorylitleton. He will have additional information at the October meeting.

**Goals and Strategies:** Tabled until next month.

**Attendance:** There are about the same number of kids as last year attending Sunday School, perhaps a few more. Attendance at church is up slightly but is still lower than expected. Apparently

other churches in the area have also been experiencing low attendance.

## **New Business**

**Audio Bible Project:** Audio Bibles will be available for the next two Sundays. There will also be a basket available for donations to support this ministry.

**Marriage Course:** There is a volunteer to provide babysitting services for couples who want to attend the marriage course but need a babysitter to do so. The course will be led by Father Todd and his wife Barbara starting Tuesday, September 23. Father Todd has ordered the course on DVD. He currently has VHS tapes, which he will have available for anyone who misses a session.

**Newcomer Workshop:** Father Todd has a power point presentation ready for the Newcomer workshops. The first workshop will be September 27 at 9 am. Father Todd is planning a welcoming liturgy for those who join the church, which will include the presentation of an audio bible.

**Small Group Training:** Those signing up for small group training have shown interest in a Men's Group. Suggestions for Adult Ed topics included having Mike Guyerson present information on managing finances. Another suggestion was the showing of a PBS documentary on the building of the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Travis Fike is currently leading a discussion on the Gospels.

**Financial Report:** Due to the lack of a quorum, the financial report will have to be approved next month. Thanks to a parishioner's generous pledge contribution over their actual pledge and many others catching up on their pledge payments, we have exceeded our pledge budget for the year by approximately \$5,000. Expenses are about \$100 less than budget for the year even though we will be over our budget for seminars and the convention. The Diocesan Convention is more expensive than anticipated because it is being held in Loveland rather than Denver and the cost has gone up as well. Next year the Diocesan Convention will be held in Pueblo. The Bishop will be at the regional delegates' meeting for a Diocesan Budget presentation.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned in prayer at 7:55 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be October 9, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. John Manta will be furnishing dinner.