

St. Francis Episcopal Church
Potomac Parish
Vestry Minutes
March 16, 2010

The Vestry convened on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kincaid Library, the Rector presiding. Vestry members present: Ms. Tozer, Mr. Bachman, Mr. Baker, Mr. Harper, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Ellsworth, Mr. Maroulis, Ms. Tendall, Ms. Wallace, Ms. Young, Ms. Jillings, Ms. Austin. Not in attendance: Mr. Jannotta, Mr. Daly and Mr. Wilson. Also in attendance: Mr. Bassett, Mr. Hirsch, Ms. Riddle, Ms. Dolan and Ms. Tabner Thayer.

The Rector opened with prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as distributed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Bachman distributed a year-to-date income statement (attached hereto) that continues to show actual pledge revenue in excess of budget. Mr. Bachman noted that expenses and income are in line with the budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

Mr. Gardiner circulated a draft welcome brochure to be given to new and prospective members (attached hereto). The revisions were suggested by Nancy Hoke and incorporated by Karen Brinkmann. The Rector offered his thanks to the committee for their work. He reminded the Vestry that the individual committees are to produce the text or content of brochures and other means of publicity, and that the Communications Committee will then assist with the publication. Mr. Gardiner concurred. Mr. Gardiner also stated that Corey Burr has offered to distribute a welcome message from the church to persons who have recently bought homes in the area. There would be a small expense associated with such a mailing.

Ms. Wallace stated that the recent Music at Eventide and reception were lovely and well attended. She extends the Vestry's thanks to Francoise Williams and Laurel Bahar for the reception.

Ms. Tendall and Mr. Harper noted that April 23 will be the golf outing and dinner. The Parish Life and Women of St. Francis are also considering an all-parish family picnic in early June. There will be a newcomers' tea on April 18 at the Singhams' residence. Ms. Tozer suggested that the Vestry should have a presence at the tea.

Mr. Baker stated that four trees at the church, as well as one at the Rectory, that suffered damage in the snowstorms were taken down. The landscape company will soon spread mulch.

VESTRY TASK FORCES

Ms. Tozer expressed her thanks to the Rector for allowing the remaining portion of the meeting to be devoted to work by the task forces. Mr. Jannotta will lead the group that will focus on parish growth and Mr. Baker will lead the group that will focus on parish finances. Ms. Tozer stated that she expects the groups to work over the long term and to share their progress at subsequent Vestry meetings, and that other parishioners with interest are welcome to be included. The Rector shared

his thoughts about the work of the task forces, as outlined in the attached memo. After each group met separately, the groups reconvened to share their initial work.

Mr. Ellsworth closed the meeting with prayer.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 20 at 7:30 pm in the Kincaid Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Jody Tabner Thayer
Clerk of the Vestry