

**Church of the Good Shepherd
Lexington, Kentucky 40508**

A regular meeting of the Vestry was held on January 18, 2011.

Members present:

Chuck Beal
Lucy Cox
Chuck Goodpaster
Kathy Gross
Anne Helmers
Guy Huguelet
Graeme Lang
Sarah Leer

Elizabeth Leppman
Jon Linder
Winn Stephens
Graeme Wilson
Martin Woodford
Sarah Charles Wright

Members absent:

Jack Brown

Clergy present:

The Rev. Ronald Pogue
The Rev. Lauren Villemuer

The Rev. Elise Johnstone

Staff present:

Cindy McKee

Youth representative:

Amanda Stark

The meeting was opened at 6:12 P.M. by the Rev. Ronald Pogue. Chuck Goodpaster provided devotions.

Minutes: The Vestry unanimously approved the minutes of December 14, 2010, and January 10, 2011, as distributed.

Checking in and Spiritual Thermometer: The Rev. Ronald Pogue reported on a good meeting of the Organ Committee; another meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 20. Joe Jones is the committee's convener. The Communications and Technology Committee met on Sunday afternoon, January 16.

Anne Helmers reported on preparations for the Gala, noting that the state of the economy has been evident in the additional efforts needed to secure donations of auction items.

Finance Ministry: Chuck Beal presented the Financial Reports for the year ending December 31 (Attachment A). He noted that:

- The parish finished 2010 in the black, in part because of lower expenditures and in part because of a good December.

- The parish has received a gift from the estate of Angie Denney.
- In the Budget (page 2), there is a deficit in the fund for coffee and doughnuts; Vestry members should use their letters to Vestry Families to remind parishioners of the necessity of paying for doughnuts and coffee. Similarly, there are upcoming Sundays for which no one has volunteered to donate altar flowers.

Chuck Beal also distributed copies of the Stewardship report, as of today (Attachment B). It shows \$27,000 less in pledges than the amount on which the budget is based. However, this situation will probably change because:

- A special gift of \$10,000 for operating expenses will offset part of this amount.
- Of the outstanding 22 pledges, 12 will probably come in
- Newcomers will be receiving pledge cards through the year
- Expenditures will probably change, for example, if the Rev. Elise Johnstone leaves for another position

Senior Warden: Kathy Gross reported that the next Vestry and Staff social gathering will be February 13 at 6:00 PM at Jon Linder's home. A sign-up sheet was circulated for contributions. Two applications have been received for the committee to nominate a new rector. There have been questions about former members of such committees being ineligible; such questions can be referred to the Wardens or the Rev. Pogue. Kathy distributed copies of the agreement on leave-taking that had been concluded with the Rev. Robert Sessum (Attachment C), for the information of new members and reference for continuing members. A sign-up sheet for food contributions for the Vestry Retreat was also circulated.

Junior Warden: Guy Huguelet reported that a wheel on the church's snow blower had broken. Bids for painting the Bishop's House, prior to renting to new tenants, have been received and are being organized for further negotiation.

Interim Rector: The Rev. Pogue reported that the annual Parochial Report is in preparation. The ordination of three new priests took place in December. The Christmas celebration was good, with over 500 in attendance at the early service on Christmas Eve. On Sunday, January 23, the Rev. Laurie Brock will be installed as rector of St. Michael's Church in a Celebration of a New Ministry. Vestry members are urged to attend.

An unrestricted gift will be used to upgrade the church's telephone service, including automatic forwarding of pastoral emergency call to the clergy-on-call's cell phone (no more clergy pager). Now that Microsoft has published the service pack for Windows 7, that software can be installed on computers, and the new computers for Good Shepherd should be arriving in February (from Dell). Along with this change, upgrades to the church's Website are underway, including a newsletter feature, similar to the current Constant Contact.

New Business

Vestry Retreat: A meeting of the Retreat Planning Committee was held on Sunday, January 16. Members should verify the information on the list for rooms. Persons sharing rooms will pay \$125.36 (plus a contribution of \$20.00 towards food); single rooms will be \$250.72 (plus the contribution for food). Besides items on the circulated sign-up sheet, members should bring

favorite beverages if they wish. A schedule of events has been e-mailed. The most important agenda item is finalizing the membership of the rector Nominating Committee.

Vestry Liaisons with Committees: The Rev. Pogue noted the e-mailed list of Vestry liaisons and announced that he wants to hold a meeting with them in the near future.

Martin Woodford asked about e-mailed copies of reports, and whether printed copies will regularly be available. The Rev. Pogue noted that because of the importance of having copies at the meeting, printed copies will be placed in the Vestry members' folders to be brought to the meeting. Graeme Wilson expressed appreciation for having the contents of mailboxes brought to the meetings in the file in the plastic crate.

The meeting adjourned with prayer led by the interim rector at 6:55 PM to attend a webinar on family structure led by Bishop Sauls.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth J. Leppman
Clerk

Attachments:

- A. Financial statements
- B. Stewardship report
- C. Policy on Rector Leave-taking