

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Meeting  
September 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

The Vestry of St. Stephen's Church met on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vestry Room. Those present were: L.H. Ginn, Senior Warden; Thomas Parrish, Register, Bill Armstrong, Treasurer and other vestry members: Buck Blanchard, John Gayle, Anne Hardage, Emily Krudys, Freddy Moore, Peter Pastore, Anne Pole, Anne Satterfield, Stacia Schoeffler, Stukie Valentine, Kristin Wickersham and Justin Frackleton, President of the Women of St. Stephen's.

Also attending were staff members: Gary Jones, Rector, David Anderson, Vicar, Abbott Bailey, Associate Rector, Weezie Blanchard, Deacon, Janet Allen, Associate for Membership and Development, Sarah Bartenstein, Director of Communications; Bill Campbell, Youth Intern; Paul Evans, Facilities Manager; Sarah Morris, Director of Youth Ministries Betsy Tyson, Director of Children's Ministries and Mary Frances Siersema, Recording Secretary.

- I. Peter Pastore opened the meeting with prayers.
- II. Gary asked the vestry to tour the Sunday school rooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to see all the wonderful work that had been done this summer in preparation for our Sunday school program this year.

Gary also announced that Whitney Bender will begin next week as our new Youth Intern.

- III. The minutes of the July meeting were approved.
- IV. Committee Reports:

Standing Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee: (attached) Bill Armstrong

B. Stewardship Committee – Peter Pastore presented a draft of a document that will be sent to parishioners. A tithing resolution stating that “The vestry has adopted the tithing as their own personal standard for giving” was made, seconded and passed by the vestry to go in the document.

Educating our parish on stewardship and giving is an ongoing task.

We are trying to increase our percentage giving to Outreach so that 50% of our budget goes to inreach and 50% to outreach.

### C. Outreach

1. Dominican Republic – Buck Blanchard said that there would be a formal report next month on their trip to the Dominican Republic. A group consisting of Buck, Bill Sachs, Martha Curry, Judy Buchanan and Sarah Morris went on a fact finding mission in July to try and determine what our next step should be and how we can be most helpful in the DR

### Project Teams:

A. Pictorial Directory – Stacia Schoeffler said a number of people had worked very hard all summer getting this off the ground. We still need help in guiding the families upstairs each Sunday and more photographers. It was suggested that this could be part of the “Greeters” program. It is going great.

B. Millennium Development Goals- Buck Blanchard reported that we need to educate the congregation on the MDG and make them aware that we can do both outreach and MDG at the same time. This concerns the elimination of extreme poverty world-wide.

V. Senior Warden’s Report – L.H. reported that it is time to appoint a vestry nominating committee before the next meeting.

Stewardship – L.H. said that it is important that the vestry lead the way in giving and a draft of the pledge card was passed around. Hopefully everyone on the vestry will have pledged and turned in their cards by September 26<sup>th</sup> so we can tell the canvassers that meet on the 27<sup>th</sup> that the vestry has pledged.

Greeters/Hospitality Program – This is going great!!! It is lots of fun and Marian Chenault is doing a wonderful job. They can use more “Greeters.”

- VI. Rector’s Report – Gary said our primary concern at the moment is the grief we are all suffering over the loss of Richard and Kay Clary’s daughter Becca.

Sarah Morris explained our 2 year Intern Program for children and youth ministry. Bill Campbell will begin his 2<sup>nd</sup> year in his internship and our new intern, Whitney Bender, begins next week.

Emily Krudys reported they would be having a fund raiser for the youth’s pilgrimage next summer.

Weezie Blanchard reported that we are going to the next step in our pastoral care program. We are forming groups or teams that will work together in caring for each other, the home bound, sick and those in need.

Abbott reported that sign ups for small groups were going well. The Small Group Leaders meet on a regular basis and are excited about the coming year.

Gary said Janet is hard at work on the Stewardship campaign. The hallways are beautiful and might feel a bit more formal to some, so it is important for us to make sure we are embracing and reach out to everyone.

- VII. The regular meeting adjourned into an executive session

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frances Siersema  
Recording Secretary