

VESTRY MINUTES

Present: Bob Askins, Fr. Furman Buchannon, Gwen Geidel, Ed Kellett, Jim Maass, Jack Myers, Esther Richey, Robin Smith, Gus Strasburger, El Thompson, Andrew Todd,

Absent: Joey Broussard, Chad Poteat

Also attending: Michael Conner

Opening Reflection

Feast day for Absalom Jones, the first African-American priest of the Episcopal Church – born a slave, taught himself to read from the New Testament. Ordained in 1802 by Bishop White of Pennsylvania. Jones was known as the black bishop of the Episcopal Church.

Note writing: Furman shared pastoral concerns and received volunteers for note-writing. Minutes corrected and accepted as amended.

Call to Order – 6:35

Warden's Remarks/Report

Search Process

Search Committee: Especially important that confidence be kept about this process.

People who keep the prayers, break the bread and are apostolic

Gwen presented a slate of candidates for the search committee. Robin moved that the slate be accepted as presented. Slate accepted unanimously by acclamation

Wardens meeting with Bishop: Gwen and Jack are meeting with Bishop Henderson to discuss the search process and other issues relative to our current state.

Rector duties

Gwen noted that we should formally recognize the extra duties that Furman has taken on and compensate him accordingly. A motion was received and seconded that Furman be compensated an extra \$1000 per month, retroactive to January.

Discussion followed. Motion carried by acclamation

Worship

Supply Priests

Fr. Allen Belton for week of Feb. 14-21

Fred Walters, a candidate for the diaconate, will be shadowing Tim Ervolina for 3 months

Administration

2006 deficit was 28K

2007 ended up \$19,714 to the positive. The last minute push helped to recoup the deficit.

2008 Budget Issues

Jan : \$34,816 income; \$44,459 expense; \$9,643 deficit

This is in keeping with income/expense trends for this time of year.

Finance committee is continuing to work on the budget. We will continue to operate on 2007 budget until next month.

Capital campaign: update next meeting

Furman spoke with Tony Watkins about meeting with the wardens and the chair of the committee.

Membership Development

Pictorial Directory ready

Each Mission group to add a page to the directory

Distribution at visitors table in 2 weeks

Christian Formation

Furman cautioned us to be mindful of our operational structure and careful of "rushing in" however good our intentions.

Adult formation met to outline program outline through late spring.

Pastoral Care

Furman is continuing to "settle-in" with pastoral care issues. Mary Clark has been a great help.

Outreach

Outreach committee has met to review status and plan fundraisers for Haiti project

Caribbean Meal – Garfield to coordinate meal on Rogation Sunday

Hams for Haiti – % of sales from Heavenly Hams – proceeds go to Haiti mission

Considering the selling of smoked turkey breasts

Need to identify new leadership for Crayton project

Upcoming Events

Lenten quiet day – 3/1

Vestry commissioning day – Feb 24

Next Vestry Meeting – March 11, 2008

8:25 adjourned