

**Vestry Meeting
St. James' Episcopal Church
Minutes for February 9, 2010**

“You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.”

The people of St. James are a community of faith rooted in God's unconditional love, seeking to express that love to one another, our neighbors and the world.

Present: Chris Stone, Fritz Hughes, Maureen Edgecombe, Margaret Rehberg, Dianne Lowe, Jason Kraft, Eric Pratt, Jan Brandt, Kari Olsen, Mary Beth Rivetti

Opening Prayer— Mary Beth

Mary Beth asks new members to come for commissioning during one of the services this coming Sunday.

Approval of Agenda—M./S., Fritz, Dianne, approved

Minutes of January 12, 2010 —Jan asks to clarify about the health care for secretary, MB does so, M./S., Dianne, Eric, approved

Minutes of the Annual Meeting January 31, 2010 – M./S., Dianne, Chris

- Kari will submit minutes to Carol, who will put them online.

Treasurer's Report— Dean not present. M./S

Old Business- none

New Business-

Mary Beth nominated Fritz for Senior Warden: M./S., Dianne/ Chris

Nominations of Junior Warden. Fritz offers to assist the new junior warden with tasks that are ongoing from last Junior Warden's term (i.e. Building and Grounds committee tasks, which is part of the junior warden's job description, the junior warden oversees this committee) Jan nominates Eric. MaryBeth M. to close nominations. Eric elected as J.W. Vestry notes that there are several parish members who are capable of helping with such duties. Fritz and Eric will meet later.

Parochial Report: document submitted to the National Church and the diocese for statistics, etc. They have tried to make it simple, which is difficult to achieve as there are many elements necessary in the form. This reflects 2009, not 2010. Eric: it reminds him of a tax form. M./S. Fritz, Chris: approved.

Budget Comparison from Dean: three parts. One document with special funds defined. General fund is where most of the transactions come from. ECW fund will have frequent changes, depending on rummage sale, etc. Dean is a very meticulous treasurer. Shows money coming from pledges and where it goes. Comments from Dean: not able to show \$10,000 gift, but there is a discretionary bequest fund. Vestry is invited to bring proposals for what to do with the money. Fritz would like to know how to donate for the

dinner: write a check to St. James with Parish Activities in the memo. Or Jan suggests just giving it to Carol, and she will deposit it directly. Also, Carol is doing very well with the Icon system.

M./ S. Fritz, Dianne. Budget approved.

Days for Offering Counters: filling a few more spots that were not already filled at dinner. Todd recommended for these days. Eric asks for an email warning if he is up for counting. Dianne would like it to be added to the calendar in the bulletin with the ministry team. Jan cannot do the first count; conflict of interest as she does the second count. Dennis Edgecombe posts the amounts for the Icon system. MB makes sure that there are experienced counters matched with inexperienced counters. Vestry members must do the counting at least once a month. Jan suggests that vestry members count before they attend other meetings/ coffee hour.

Work of the Vestry: we are communication nodes for the various ministries in the church, we advocate on their behalf. Administration (SW), Building and Grounds (JW, Jan would like to do historian position), Campus Ministry (MB will ask Todd), Children's Education (Maureen), ECW (Margaret), Hospitality (Dianne), Worship (Chris), SJOM (Todd), Pastoral Care (MB explains duties: Eucharistic Visits, Prayer Shawls, taking care and love beyond walls of St. James, Margaret), Communication (Jason),

Calendar for the Vestry Retreat: Either this coming weekend or end of March. Friday evening or Saturday. Most people are good with end of March, except Maureen. This would be Friday, March 26th and Saturday, March 27th. Usually held at the K-house. We would familiarize the new members with how things are run, and then reflection. Perhaps have Susan come for some planning. Last year there were several accidents around the time of last year's retreat. Two days are just a possibility, we could do just one day. Most prefer one day. Fritz suggests the Holiday Inn Express instead of KHouse. Margaret cannot come that weekend. Fritz suggests we call it an "Advance" instead of "Retreat." MB suggests a fall treat at St. Gertrude's. The cost is pretty much food only.

Reports from Ministry Areas: none

Executive Committee (Vestry officers: Rector, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary)

Rector/Calendar—

Sr. Warden—

Jr. Warden / Building & Grounds—

Campus Ministry—

Christian Education—

ECW—

Hospitality—

Worship—

Outreach/Social Justice—

Pastoral Care—

Communications Team—

Announcements: none

Next Vestry meeting: - March 9, 2010 (Jason will not be present, Maureen may not be present)

**Meeting adjourned: 8:14pm
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