

**The Vestry of Christ Church**  
**Minutes for the Regular Meeting**  
*Rescheduled from January 12, due to snow*  
January 15, 2011~ 9 a.m.

Attended by: Reverend Scott Gunn, Reverend Melody Shobe, Joel Gardner, Carlene Hervieux, Ethan Gafford, Bob Kay, Al Mongeau, Anne Kilkenny, Sue LaFreniere, Jim Giammarino, Jill Gaines, Linda Mendonca, LuJean Johnson and Jen Banos  
Guests: MaryJane Jenson, Jean Kay, Cindy and Elena Mulvey

Absent: Brian Allard, Paul Aikens

**Prayer & Opening**

1. Regular Vestry meeting opened with prayer at 9:05 am.
2. Today's agenda was accepted as printed.

Regular Vestry meeting minutes from December 2010 were accepted as printed.

**Formation & Fellowship**

3. Good things were shared among the group including positive momentum with Good Book club and many ministries despite negativity sensed; the Epiphany pageant was a positive experience with a combination of new and veteran participants.
4. Bible Study: Acts 9:32~43

**Information**

5. Treasurer's report (Ethan Gafford) Ethan presented figures from December 2010, noting income to the Renaissance fund to be significantly over budget (due to a generous donation along with many pledges coming in). Additional conversation ensued over how to present Capital Building expenses to the parish with proper explanation of the figures.

Ethan noticed that there is a correction to be made in the report, while it doesn't skew the overall figures, so the Vestry will approve December Treasurer's report at their next meeting. The issue over how to best record the Building Fund expense will be revisited as well.

6. Stewardship Update (Rev'd Gunn, LuJean Johnson) There has been a 24% increase in average pledge. We have approximately 107 pledges in with 50 pledges outstanding.

Al and Scott will compare notes and reconcile the pledged income anticipated to date.

28 of the pledges received are with restriction that we remain in our current location (this is about 20% of the pledges we have thus far). Our average pledge is \$2,000+, and far ahead where we were at this time last year in pledges.

7. Cindy Mulvey presented a series of questions to the Merger Committee/Vestry (responses are attached, prepared following the meeting)

**Discussion**

8. Upcoming parish conversation and meetings (Rev'd Gunn)

***January 23, Noon~***

- A. Detailed presentation and facts presented to the parish, followed by the opportunity for clarification and questions (no speeches).
- B. Jill to offer a 5 minute summary of building committees research as was presented to the Vestry.
- C. LuJean to describe two scenarios (our projected budget with a merger, and that without)

D. Some type of subgroup Q and A~ to be determined how to be available for Questions based on information that Vestry members can speak of...  
(for ex: merger committee...LuJean, buildings...Jill, Church School.. Jen)

**January, 30, Noon~** Parish wide vote (by secret ballot unless parish votes for open ballot)  
The utmost respectful atmosphere will be expected, with the support of members of the Diocese present for the counting of votes.

Note: The direction of this parish will be determined by the outcome of this vote, as well as the budget for the coming year. A request was made to form a financial committee to oversee the budget, beyond the input of the Rector, Wardens and Treasurer. Until there are hard figures to work with, such a committee wouldn't be called for until after the parish vote.

**February 13, Noon~ Parish wide Annual Meeting**

### **Decision**

9. Merger Plan Summary~ The Vestry discussed a motion to recommend adoption and implementation of the Merger Plan (to be attached). During discussion an amendment was offered, to change the recommendation such that the merged parish would locate itself at Christ Church. The amendment was defeated in a roll call vote: 1 in favor, 11 opposed. The original motion passed in a roll call vote: 11 in favor, 1 opposed.

10. Personnel Matter (Joel Gardner) Due to our current circumstances, Joel made the recommendation that an addendum be written to Reverend Shobe's current Letter of Agreement to state that in the event of Reverend Shobe's involuntary termination of services, she be granted severance to fulfill her three years of employment at Christ Church from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011. All voted in favor of this motion.

### **Closing & Prayer**

Final thoughts and comments

Regular meeting closed with prayer at 10:45 am.

**Next Regular meeting:** February 9, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jen Banos, Vestry Clerk

### **Our Mission Statement**

We welcome all people to a life transformed by Jesus Christ  
through worship, formation and service.