

**Report from the Vestry
Regular Meeting – June 12, 2007**

Following Eucharist and pizza, we opened our meeting with the Prayer of Bishop Clay Matthews. The Minutes from the May 8th meeting were approved as distributed. Only two Vestry members were not in attendance.

We heard reports from our Priest in Charge, the Junior and Senior Wardens, our Treasurer, and nine commissions. To address all that was said would require considerable space, and would be redundant with our Sunday announcements, and other articles in this Parish Paper. Much is happening within our parish,; this report focuses on Vestry actions and topics not addressed elsewhere.

Fr. Howard and Courtney Zirkle reported on the first two days of our Vacation Bible School. Almost 80 children and a multigenerational staff of almost 50 made this event one of joy and enthusiasm. Following enthusiastic discussion, the Vestry asked our Clerk, Julie Hembree, to write thank-you notes to the VBS committee chairs and leaders. Similarly, Fr. Howard and the Vestry thanked Ed Green for his contribution of the two watercolor originals that serve as the covers for our Sunday Service Sheets. These drawings now hang in our narthex for all to enjoy. George Dixon was likewise thanked for his restoration of two benches in our courtyard.

Our Treasure's report indicated that \$25,000 had been paid back on the debt that remained after last year. This was the second such payment this year. We are still in the black this year, and are hopeful that both attendance and offerings will remain solid during the summer so that we can maintain a positive cash flow through the year. The new life our parish has experienced has caused our Parish Life expenses to exceed budget, so we will revise our budget in August. The Finance Committee recommended and the Vestry approved some personnel compensation changes including providing limited continuing education support, standard mileage, and a discretionary fund for our Deacon, Amy Morehous. Supported by a special gift, we also approved updating our office computers.

The means for resolving a number of issues surrounding the Sowing for His Harvest Building Campaign was approved at the last meeting. An update on that process by the Tom Ladd indicated that the necessary letter and communication documents had been completed and approved, and that the list of contributors was in the final preparation stages. Letters to all parishioners who contributed to the campaign should go out near the end of June.

We are currently operating under by-laws that date back to the 1980s. An revision of those by-laws was started some time ago, but never completed due to the leadership changes we experienced. The Wardens will work on revising these by-laws, and will forward recommended revisions to members of the Vestry during the summer. It is hoped that the Vestry can propose new by-laws to the parish for adoption before the end of the year.

There is no regular Vestry meeting in July, so our next scheduled meeting is August 14th. Our meeting was adjourned with prayer led by Mary LeMense.

For the Vestry,
Tom Ladd and Mary LeMense, Wardens