

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

Vestry Meeting March 30, 2009

Attending:

Ben Adair

Rev. Nancy Coon

Brooks Elliott

Patricia Hall

Cindy Krudop

Ty Lawrence

Carol Morehead

Congregational Breakfast Meeting (March 8): Several points regarding the meeting were discussed by team members.

- Plenty of shared stories
- Difficult to hear each other well in the parish hall
- The round tables did not work well with such large groups—the idea of using rectangle tables was brought up.

Rev. Coon reminded team leaders to communicate with all team members. Talk about future events with them and ask for them for help.

Wildlife Management (Ben Adair): Exemption status was approved for the ECHS property.

Girl Scout Trail Project (Ben): The GS are working on the Stations of the Cross Trail; they erected a grapevine arbor at the trail entrance. They plan to outline the trail with rocks and may build a couple of benches.

Finance Committee Resolution: Ben moved to accept the FC proposal from February 17. Patricia Hall seconded the motion. The Vestry voted and the motion was carried.

Back Door Security Bid: The Building Committee will take the estimate (\$2,000) to the Finance Committee.

Strategic Planning, 2009-2012 (Nancy):

- Nancy reported that she met with a small group of people who have regularly gifted the church to discuss the impact of the economy on the church's financial future.
- Within 18 months to 3 years ECHS needs to have a structure for the education and the social needs of the children, in addition to a full-time person to serve the youth.
- May need to consider a temporary building
- Serious strategic planning on how to move forward is needed by September.

Mothers Day Out Expanded Program (Carol Morehead): Most of the classes are either full or almost full. At May meeting the new MDO logo and name will be presented to the Vestry.

Jr. Warden News (Ty Lawrence): Before Community Easter Egg Hunt,

- The septic system needs chlorine.
- Interior church cleaning is planned; Wendy Schneider will be in charge.
- Parking lot clean up has begun and will be staked out with ribbon for additional parking

Sr. Warden News (Ben Adair):

- The Men's Group will use new grills for Easter Egg Hunt lunch.
- Vestry members can now post messages on web to communicate with group members.

Bishop Lillibridge's Charge (Nancy): The Core Values of the Diocese of West Texas—Meditation focus for vestry meetings, devotional, or Bible study. Vestry members will present ways in which the vestry will focus on each value.

- Faith: Cindy
- Scripture, prayer, and sacramental worship:
- Evangelism: Carol
- Mission: Ben & Nancy
- Reconciliation: Brooks & Patricia

[http://dwtx.org/index.php/diocese/Core Values](http://dwtx.org/index.php/diocese/Core%20Values)

The Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, will be at St. Thomas, SA, on April 25.

New Sunday Classes at ECHS:

- Learning about the General Convention (May 10, May 17, May 24, June 7)
- Structure of the Episcopal Church

June 6 meeting for clergy and leadership at TMI on the different aspects of congregational life. More information on "Abide in Me: Congregations Growing Together" is on the DWTX website at

<http://dwtx.org/var/files/File/Abide%20in%20Me/course%20catalog%20final.pdf>

Carol Morehead's Vocational Discernment: The Vestry approved of Carol going before the Diocese of West Texas Discernment Committee in October.

The next Vestry meeting will be Monday, May 4 @ 6:45 PM.

Jeanne Payne, Clerk

