

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit
Vestry Meeting
Sunday, September 25, 2011
12 Noon – 2:00 PM

Attending

Aaron Smyth (AS)

Paul Williams, Senior Warden (PW)

Keith Jordan (KJ) Chair, Finance Committee

Larry Boyd (LB) Rector

Paul Greene (PG)

Rae McCartney (RM)

Rob Schneider (RS)

Penny Dear (PD) Treasurer

- Opening Devotions:
 - Opening Prayer: *Vestry Handbook* for September

- Old Business:
 - Minutes for August Meeting – Will be sent by PG along with Sep minutes today for review
 - Treasurer's Report and Questions – delivered by PD (with KJ)
 - Sept is historically a low month for contributions. However, overall YTD the expense and pledge forecast have been accurate.
 - Including A/C one-off expense we are \$2000 off of forecast.

- New Business:
 - Stewardship Discussion –
 - \$258,620 is the current pledge which is an increase from 2011 (\$24,000 restricted to mortgage expense).
 - 54 pledging units – an increase of 6 from 2011. 14 new pledging units. 23 pledging units increased pledge from 2011. 17 have maintained their pledge from 2011.
 - \$283,620 is the current estimate for 2012 including \$25,000 as a plate estimate. This still leave us with approx. \$70,000 short of our estimate of what is needed to move forward with the hiring of a rector
 - Potential savings from what we have tentatively budgeted for 2012
 - \$12000 for building needs
 - \$9000 delay in Shelley
 - \$9630 for a Sextant
 - \$12000 for clergy moving expense
 - \$10000 for reduction in diocesan apportionment
 - The attendees went around the table and shared thoughts on the best way to move forward. No decisions are intended to be made today
 - Mike Castleman and Bob Richardson are looking into possibilities for the use or sale of some of the acreage that we own.
 - RM raised that the visual trappings of a religious school are absent from the Discovery Day School classrooms. LB will look into where those symbols have gone.
 - Shelley's 10th anniversary party will be on Oct 9th in between the services per PD.
 - Question was raised if there will be a blessing of the animals this year – LB will consider whether this can be done.

- Words for Reflection:
 - Vestry Members: Done
 - Junior Warden: Done

- Senior Warden: Done
- Interim Rector: Done
- Next Scheduled Meeting:
 - Vestry Meeting – October 23rd, 2011

Submitted by:

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Vestry Clerk
September 25, 2011