

St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes for December 8, 2009

A quorum was present: The Rev. Robert T. Jennings, The Rev. Debbie Apoldo, Senior Warden Terry Strange, Junior Warden Sloane Graff, Treasurer Tom Kelley, David Welsh, Shelley Laventis, Fiona Starks, Bob Bortner, Bob Quaife, Chris Zimmerman, Anne McMillan and Tom Brown, Clerk.

- I. Robin opened the meeting with prayer.
- II. Rector's Report
 - a. James Bryan Smith will lead a conference February 12-13 at St. Francis based on his book The Good and Beautiful God. Sloane Graff and Elizabeth Mitzlaff will chair the weekend as Smith presents his ideas on a "curriculum on Christlikeness."
 - b. An application with the Gheens Foundation has been made for funds to aid in our co-operation with Cable Baptist Church, as we seek to employ more youth ministers in the inner city.
 - c. The Courier-Journal printed Robin's review of God with Us: The Meaning of Christmas.
 - d. During Advent a communion service will be held on the four Wednesdays in the Davenport Chapel. Prayers for healing will also be offered.
- III. Senior Warden's Report
 - a. Adoption of an investment policy statement carried as we strive to obtain a more consistent income stream.
 - b. Also passing was an endorsement of the previous endowment resolution.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. The Nominating Committee selected the following candidates for Vestry: Ralinda Gregor, Mitzi Root, Jason Kron, Jim Marquardt and Mike Simpson.
 - b. The Every Member Canvass has eighty pledge cards outstanding and is \$80,000 behind last year's total to date.
 - c. We have a military packing scheduled and paid for and only await mailing instructions. In additional outreach, we are discussing how we might be of more help to St. Timothy's at Barnes Mountain.
 - d. Chris Zimmerman presented the Education Program on tap for St. Francis. Too numerous to mention all, among them are a new Alpha Course, a mentoring fathers' program and retreats.
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - a. The minutes from the October 27, 2009 meeting were approved.
- VI. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Tom Kelley reported that we are experiencing a short-fall of \$170,000 as we close out the year.
 - b. Cash flow remains a problem and we must raise our funds if we wish to avoid borrowing from other monies in our coffers.

- VII. The Rule
 - a. Chris Zimmerman presented the Rule, Philippians 4:4-7. We rejoice in God as He is there for us.
- VIII. New Business
 - The Vestry will make follow-up calls after the meeting to those members whose pledges are not yet received.
- IX. The meeting closed with the reading of the Collect from the Third Sunday in Advent.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Tom Brown, Clerk

The Rev. Robert T. Jennings
Rector

Approved signatures on original document.