

St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes for December 8, 2008

A quorum was present: Senior Warden Ken Reutlinger, Junior Warden, Terry Strange, Caldwell Willig, Sloane Graff, The Reverence Debbie Apoldo, The Reverend Robin Jennings, Elizabeth Gillette, Shelley Laventis, Bob Quaife, Fiona Starks, Treasurer Tom Dieruf, Bill Receveur and Tom Brown, Clerk. Carol Brady attended.

- I. Robin opened the meeting with prayer.

- II. Rector's Report:
 - a. Robin reported on the proposal presented by Cable Baptist Church and Rev. Anthony Middleton in regard to Youth Ministry. A relationship of growing faith development and family ties between our churches is foreseen, with limitless possibilities for spiritual growth present.
 - b. The Covenant proposed by Communion Partner Rectors, whose conference Robin attended, describes the fit of the Episcopal Church within the Anglican community. An extension of the Windsor Report, the Covenant offers a glimpse of how the various bodies of the Church might fit in the framework of the Episcopal Church.
 - c. Robin will be writing for the Bible Reading Fellowship Commentary which publishes the popular "The Journey."
 - d. Habitat blessing is scheduled for December 14, at 3 p.m.
 - e. Lessons and Carols is coming soon. Robin and Mary attended Sewanee this past weekend to enjoy their service and visit son David, a senior at the other institution of higher learning south of the Mason-Dixon Line and not located in Danville, KY or so it seems.

- III. Senior Warden's Report:
 - a. The Vestry will need to approve the Articles of Incorporation with St. Francis School in the next several months.
 - b. The Vestry voted to eliminate "The Maintenance Endowment Fund" and move these funds to a more flexible fund should need arise.
 - c. Kim Miller resigned from the Vestry. David Welsh was appointed to fill her remaining term.
 - d. Marianne and Ken will host a Vestry and staff party at their home on January 30th.
 - e. Chip Arn will lead for the second straight year a Vestry Leadership Conference on February 7.

- IV. Committee Reports:
 - a. Terry Strange introduced the new vestry slate: Phylis Semple, Hugh Hill, Bob Bortner, Tom Kelley and Chris Zimmerman. Officers are Terry Strange, Sr. Warden, Sloane Graff, Jr. Warden, Tom Dieruf, Treasurer and Tom Brown, Clerk.
 - b. Sloane reported that we were up \$6100 in pledges to date with 169 cards outstanding.
 - c. Tom Brown discussed the report on Curtis Taylor's "Loaves and fishes" ministry, with Curtis having been featured on local television.

- d. Our chapter of The Brotherhood of St. Andrew has grown into the 5th largest nationally and recently installed new officers. David Welsh is the new Director, Tom Thornton Vice Director, Chris Allison the Treasurer and Jim Morgan, Secretary.
- V. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Minutes from the October 28, 2008, Vestry meeting were approved.
- VI. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Tom Dieruf reported that expenses for education, property and printing were exceeding budget.
 - b. Pledges are coming in and the numbers are good so far, with the final cards, as always, determining our success.
 - c. Betty Anne Allen donated \$100,000 to a specified fund for pastoral care.
- VII. The Rule:
 - a. Terry Strange introduced the beautiful Canticle 3 from the Book of Common Prayer.
- VIII. New Business:
 - a. Next Vestry meeting, Tuesday, January 20, 2009.
 - b. The Vestry remained and made Canvass calls.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Tom Brown, Clerk

The Rev. Robert T. Jennings,
Rector

Approved signatures on original document.