

# Aquia Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting Minutes

## October 20, 2009

1. **Attendance.** The Vestry gathered at 6:30 for a meal hosted by Gary Perkins and Ted Cubbison. Father Morris led a Bible study on Ecclesiasticus 44. The business meeting was called to order following prayer led by Father Morris. Present were:

Father Mandell  
Father Morris  
Chris Arey  
Glen Clark  
Edwin Cubbison  
Cheri Cuff  
Adam Hawkins  
Linda Hemming  
Henk de Jager  
Connie King  
Gary Perkins  
Eleanor Perry  
David Primmer  
Bob Stevens

2. **Minutes.** The minutes of the September 15 Vestry meeting were approved as corrected.
3. **New Business.**
  - The Vestry approved a resolution accepting the gift of painting the interior of the Fleurries.
  - The Vestry approved a resolution approving and funding cleanup of the leaves in the cemetery by Boy Scout Troop 63.
  - The Vestry approved a resolution funding the replacement of the Rectory front door, up to a total of \$1400, amended to be conditional on the Assistant Rector's approval of the door's esthetics.
4. **Committee Reports.**
  - The Administrative Committee will meet November 1 to discuss the draft leave policies for non-clerical personnel.
  - The Stewardship Committee and Treasurer reported on results to date of the 2010 pledge campaign: 73 adult pledges have been received so far, totaling \$288,276, with two more Sunday ingatherings to go before the end of the formal pledge campaign. These results are slightly ahead of last year's results at this point, and thus are promising. When we have final results at the end of the campaign calendar, lists will be prepared to enable Vestry members to call parishioners who have not responded, as was done last year.
  - The Finance Committee reported on its October 7 meeting (minutes attached.)
5. **Treasurer's Report.** Chris Arey reported that he is gathering ministry input for the 2010 Church budget. The Vestry accepted the Treasurer's Report.
6. **Rector's Report.**

- The Articles of Incorporation of the Historic Aquia Church Foundation have been submitted to the State Corporation Commission for approval.
- Bishop Shannon Johnston will meet with clergy on November 3 to discuss the direction of the Diocese.

#### **7. Senior Warden's Report.**

- Kerns Group of Architects are working up their presentation to the Congregation on the proposal to move ahead with a new Christian Education facility based on option 1b of the Kerns master building plan. The presentation should be complete by the end of October. Glen will keep up with Kerns and advise the Vestry. The plan is to make the presentation before the Annual Meeting scheduled for December 6. After receipt of Congregation feedback and response we can think through a possible Capital Campaign to start in 2010, and develop a time line.
- Eleanor Perry proposed holding the Kerns presentation and the Annual Meeting in the Parish Hall, instead of the Historic Church, as affording better visual and audio facilities as well as a closer group atmosphere. Father Mandell concurred with this suggestion, as did the Vestry.
- The budget process for 2010 moves forward; following a Finance Committee review we hope a draft will be available for the November Vestry meeting, so that a vote can be sought at the December meeting.

#### **8. Junior Warden's Report.**

- The Clifton Chapel exterior has been painted.
- Tree limb removals are proceeding.
- The Parish Hall bathroom will be renovated to permit handicapped access, and to improve storage in the food pantry for Aquia's Table and Feed My Sheep.
- Bill and Nancy Hoffman have repaired the pathway through the Cemetery leading to the rear parking lot.

#### **9. Announcements and thank-you's.**

- The annual citrus sale has begun, with announcements and order forms at the back of the Church.
- Libby Vinso, Mary Jane Cole, Dana Stanford and Becky Monger received the Vestry's special thanks for their hard work organizing this year's Fall Fest. Adam Hawkins and Joe Vinso received thanks for putting on the pig roast.
- Gene Cole received the Vestry's thanks for his stellar work installing the new computers in the Fleurries.

**10. Next meeting date and hosts:** The next Vestry meeting will be on November 17, with Chris Arey and Adam Hawkins hosting the meal. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Cubbison  
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