

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
St. Stephen's Church
June 18, 2009
7:30 p.m.

Present

The Rev. Margot Critchfield
Colette Wood
Keith Conforti
Ginny Wieland
Sandy Emler
Robin Lualdi
Sheri Anderson
Davenport Crocker, Jr.
David Theodore
Robin Fusco
Wisner Murray
Alix White
Rich Coakley
Lisa Wescott

Vestry Cornerstone Goals

1. Decentralize decision-making and two-way communication.
2. "Tithing Plus" allocated to outreach plus increased awareness and participation
3. Financial Health
4. Changing worship needs for a growing parish
5. Increase active membership

Vestry Circles

Worship/Formation/Outreach
Davenport Crocker, Jr., Robin Lualdi, Robin Fusco

Parish Organization/Property
Roger Hill, Rob Jurgel, Fran Burnham

Parish Life/Hospitality/Evangelism
David Theodore, Kathy Brooks, Sandy Emler

I. Life in the Spirit

- A. We all shared a very special *Nearer to Christ* moment with the memorial tree planting in honor of Maggie Dunlap, Margot's mother.
- B. Minutes – the minutes were voted on and approved and will be on the website going forward – with the exception of executive sessions.

II. Reports to Vestry

- A. Treasurers Report
Ginny handed out the Treasurer's Report with no narrative as it was not the end of the quarter. Please e-mail Ginny with any concerns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

III. New Business

A. Discernment Committee Report on Lisa Westcott

The vestry met first to discuss the report and then invited Lisa and the rest of the committee to join the meeting to ask any questions and/or address any concerns.

It was unanimously moved (with first and second motion) to proceed with the process of Lisa Westcott becoming ordained as a Deacon in the Episcopal Church. There ensued a confidential discussion with the vestry and Lisa and the committee focusing on:

- The Discernment Committee's report to the vestry
- Margot's Letter of Recommendation
- Lisa's Ministry Statement

END OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

B. Summer Fellowship

Sheri will send out a reminder with a checklist for vestry members to serve as hosts during summer fellowship

Parish Picnic

Will be September 20th.

Carillon Concert Series

The first concert will be June 28th

Members of the vestry and parishioners will be in charge of the logistics of the concerts to include:

- Manning the popcorn machine
- Organizing games for the children
- Distribution of programs
- Set up and clean up before and after the concert

C. Colette's August 9th Event will be discussed at a committee meeting to be chaired by Robin Fusco.

D. Mutual Ministry Review will be discussed at the next meeting

IV. Old Business

A. Burn the Mortgage Campaign (tabled)

B. Rector's increase

This will be a priority for the July meeting. Margot will provide the vestry with the Diocesan Resolution and letter of justification for allocation of the \$6,000.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed unanimously. Closing prayer 10:35