

Synopsis of December 2010 Vestry Meeting
Complete minutes available in the Parish Office.

The vestry met on December 14 for their monthly meeting. Several members of this fall's servant leadership class made a presentation to the vestry, giving an overview of the recently-concluded 10-week course Anna Studenny, our office manager, taught. Laura Bersos, who grew up and Emmanuel and remains active, described servant leaders as those not looking for either power or simply helping others, but people willing to deeply examine their own role as leader. A servant leader makes sure that those he/she leads grow as human beings. Jesus was an exemplar of servant leadership.

The treasurer's report indicated the possibility of an end-of-year deficit because we do not have the large carryover from 2009 that we had at the beginning of 2010. While some expenses in 2010 will not continue into 2011, we hope to receive some unpledged gifts to help fill the gap.

Pat Angell, our Junior Warden, reported that progress seems to be proceeding well on identifying a slate of candidates for the vestry. Mary Maxon, chair of Social Action, stated that 4th quarter allotments have been approved. Checks will be written after the first of the year.

Bruce Lee reported that there were close to 100 total attendees at the three Mutual Ministry Review meetings. While the final report is being worked on, a couple of action items (1) liturgy and music and (2) youth and education development are prominent action items. The committee will need to meet one more time after Christmas to finalize their report. The Vestry will review the report at its annual retreat to set goals for the parish in 2011.

Pete Kangas distributed draft notes of a Summary of Current Plan and Future Vision for the Parish Hall. Mark Hall, Anne Sims, Pete, and Hunt held a meeting on December 6th to update leaders of ministry groups that use the parish hall often. All embraced the current plan that entails upgrading men's and women's restrooms and adding an ADA/family bathroom and expanding storage space.

The Annual Meeting date be changed from January 9 to January 30, 2011 because (1) the Epiphany Pageant takes place on the same day, (2) not enough information will be available for complete reports to the congregation that soon and (3) the Vestry meets on January 25th to approve the budget.

Hunt asked Vestry members present to volunteer to call the people who pledged last year--whose pledges have not been received to date--to remind them that their pledges are urgently needed so that the 2011 budget can be completed.

Elizabeth Hardisty reported that she has had e-mail correspondence with Steve Marshall and he has volunteered to do further research on a recent news item regarding possible Federal funds available to supply a free electric-car charging station at churches that apply and cover their own installation costs.

Next Vestry Meeting: January 25, 2011, 6:30 PM
Annual Meeting: January 30, 2011 between services