

## **St. John's Episcopal Church**

### **Vestry Meeting Minutes**

**February 27, 2008 (George Herbert Day)**

**Present:** Dawn Tesorero, Tom Ward (Senior Warden), Nicole Valtz, Alicia Faxon, Rob Watters (Junior Ward), Andrew Schieffelin (Treasurer), Lindsay Cannon (Clerk), Jim Ellis, Lori Deane, Claire Laton-Taylor.

**Also Present:** Steve Domienik, The Reverend Anne Fowler

**Absent:** Paul Cronin, Manny Fernandez, Vira LeFilippo

The meeting was called to order and opened with a prayer by The Reverend Anne Fowler at 7:30pm.

#### **Review and Approval of Minutes**

There were no minutes to review or approve.

#### **Rector's Remarks**

Agendas are usually packed, listen attentively as to avoid repeating what other have said and be thoughtful.

The business of other committees does not need be done by the vestry. The importance of staying on track and doing business in a disciplined way was stressed.

Vestry responsibilities include: being a leader and providing direction for the church, encouraging direct lines of communication, getting people involved, being ambassadors to newcomers, reaching out, making people feel comfortable (being devoted to hospitality), working on behalf of the community (not primarily "solving" and "deciding").

A brief summary of vestry meeting minutes should be posted on the website.

There was a brief discussion regarding an incident with a parishioner and Bishop Shaw's comments concerning the situation.

#### **New Business**

##### **I. Schedule Ahead**

##### **A. Gretchen's Farewell Sunday (March 9, 2008)**

1. Ideas included: waving the dove, a special "Festive" Coffee Hour, taking up a collection (similar to what was done for her ordination). Tom suggested that we think of more ideas about how to make Coffee Hour more Festive.

**B. Regularly Scheduled March Vestry Meeting (March 12, 2008)**

1. Tom mentioned that our next Vestry Meeting will be March 12, 2008.

**C. "Spring Learning Event" with Marcus Borg (March 15, 2008)**

1. Alicia and Tom have agreed to carpool to the event

**D. Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter (March 16-23, 2008)**

**E. Regularly Scheduled April Vestry Meeting (April 9, 2008); Bishop Shaw's Visit and Open House**

1. Bishop Shaw's visit will be discussed at the April Vestry Meeting. Having an Open House, inviting the neighborhood. Tentative date for the visit is May 10, 2008.

**II. Roles of Committees and Vestry Chairs/Liaisons**

**A. Finance Committee**

1. Finance Committee has been reconstituted, anyone can join

**B. Building and Grounds Committee**

1. Jim is looking for more people with expertise in "handiwork"

**C. Worship Committee**

1. Anyone interesting in speaking about liturgy.

Tom expressed concern about the following Committees: Church/School Education, Outreach, and Parish Life. Requested for next meeting are listings of Committees (who is on them) and consider what areas and roles you would like to be involved in.

**III. Parish School Project**