

**Christ Church Vestry Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2010**

Present: Wilson Anthony, Steve Brodt, Barbara Cairns, Ted Cover, Oliver Faulkner, Betsy Field, Andy Johnston, Wes Jones, Ruth Kirk, Martha Lankford, Gina Pike, Bitsy Robbins, Rich Tucker, Ann Wick

Also Present: Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly, Russ Bohner

The meeting was called to order by the Rector at 7:05 PM.

Opening prayer by Wes Jones

Minutes from September 9, 2010 were approved.

Special Order: Inquiry Team

Wilson Anthony and Wes Jones

A draft report was distributed by Wilson and Wes to the Vestry for review. Because of confidentiality issues, the full notes and reports are not for public distribution. (A summary report may be requested from the Church Office.) The Rector thanked all involved for their participation and input in the process.

Rector's Report (See Addendum A)

The Rector gave brief remarks about the Covenant for Safeguarding God's People document. The document, prepared by Russ Bohner, was reviewed and revised by a number of parishioners and staff involved in youth ministry. Lynne Jensen will hold a meeting with youth leaders and staff specifically to review the new policy. Leaders and staff working with youth will be required to sign the document. Vestry members had a number of questions and comments. The final document will be offered for adoption at the next vestry meeting.

Other Matters

The wardens reported that a group has been formed to review the CCCH Pension Plan. The open vestry seat will be discussed at the retreat. An initial 2011 budget was reviewed at the recent Finance Committee meeting and will be presented to the Vestry at the November meeting. The Vestry also discussed the youth representative on the Vestry and whether Oliver might continue in that position until May. The Vestry commended the printed materials used for our stewardship program. The Rector reminded the Vestry that it was important for all to be present at our stewardship ingathering on October 31. Ruth also distributed the parish parochial report prepared by the office showing parish statistics for 1999-2009. Other documents in preparation for the retreat were distributed.

Closing Prayer offered by Wes Jones.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Next meeting: November 11th.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Robertson, Clerke

ADDENDUM A
Rector's Report – October 14, 2010

Personal: I am grateful for all the warm wishes I received as I celebrated my 49th birthday. Thank you. In the coming month, I will be briefly away for a meeting at my seminary, October 20-21. In November I attend the biennial conference for the National Association of Episcopal Schools in San Antonio, Texas. This conflicts with part of the Musician in Residence visit, but I will be present for all the Sunday services.

Staff: **Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly** has been assigned staff responsibility for the **Worship Committee, Parish Life Committee, and Global Missions**. **Bill Owen** has written a letter which serves as his report on the summer's sabbatical.

Parish: Late this summer one of our members wrote to his extended family, inviting them to contribute toward the endowment for the **Letty Downs Musician in Residence program**. To date we have received income and pledges for contributions in 2011 and 2012 totaling close to \$150,000. With each gift, both Bill Owen and I are writing notes of gratitude. The same family member has guaranteed the financial resources for 2010's Letty Downs Musician in Residence program, when Andrew Lumsden will visit Christ Church for rehearsals, a Friday night recital, a lecture Saturday, Sunday's 11:00 AM service and 5:00 PM Evensong. As it happens, MIR is scheduled for the Feast of Christ the King. I have asked for a special reception at the conclusion of the Evensong; if you can assist with hospitality, please speak with Dana Robertson.

The Labyrinth group is coming closer to a plan for an installation on the lawn behind the Memorial Garden. Vestry members Gina Pike and Betsy Field are involved with the project. Linda Boyden, Chair of Buildings and Grounds, is researching the installation costs.

With appreciation for his time served as chair of the **Worship Committee**, I have asked Jim Graham to step down so that Jennifer can rebuild the structure and focus the committee's purpose.

At the **Finance Committee** meeting on October 7, Hal Schneikert presented a reasonable argument for the review of our lay pension plan. I appoint Ted Cover, from the vestry, to join Hal, with Bryan Keenan and Steve Brodt *ex officio*. There may be another member appointed to assist them.

The September 30 **Parish Planning Event** had three purposes: to express gratitude to those who give of their time and skill in leading teams and committees of the parish; to hear what is happening in the areas of ministry, what's giving life to each ministry's work and the challenges faced; and to share information to improve the staff's ability to serve the parish's ministries. The groups met in the three clusters, and fruitful conversations were held in each group. The Vestry initiatives (a renewed annual meeting and the development of committee guidelines for all groups) were announced. My thanks to all the Vestry members who participated.

CCEP: The Fall Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 4, 2010 beginning at 6:00 PM. I hope each Vestry member will make a point of attending, especially in order to hear from our interim head of school, **Jo Harney**.

Diocese: Will anyone be joining me for A Day of Remembrance – Our Diocesan Service of Apology & Repentance for the Role of the Episcopal Church in the Institution of Slavery, on Saturday, October 30 at 11:00 AM at the Cathedral Church of St. John?