

Church of the Holy Cross – Valle Crucis, NC
Vestry Meeting – October 28, 2008

PRESENT: Ed Shelley, Margaret Lehmann, Floyd Townsend, Jerry Boulton, Reid Smithdeal, Andrea McDonough Larry Byerly, John Zellner, Dedy Traver.
Absent were Susan Duke, Francis Pressly, Nick Prosch, Catherine Morton, Beth Turner, Muriel Moore.

The meeting was opened with prayer and pastoral concerns.

MINUTES from the previous meeting were read and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: It was stated that the plate offering continues to be less than last year's plate offering at the same time. The Finance Committee met and the pledges for 2009 are less than pledges for 2008. It was stated that some of those giving to the plate offering may now be pledging. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Rector's Report – John stated that on Sunday Nov. 2 there will be a congregational meeting after breakfast to answer any questions on the Discernment Committee report. The annual meeting and covered dish lunch will be Sunday Nov. 23. Floyd Townsend will get information to Kathy Williams to put in the bulletin regarding the Nov. 23 meeting and he will get volunteers to help coordinate the covered dish lunch. It was stated that the vestry will need to meet before the annual meeting to discuss the budget. The vestry will meet November 18. It was also stated that there is usually no December vestry meeting.

Senior Warden Report - Andrea encouraged vestry members to attend the meeting on Sun. Nov. 2. She stated that copies of the by-laws for Holy Cross will be distributed at that meeting.

Junior Warden Report – Ed stated that the micro-wave oven in the Skiles Hall kitchen is broken and is being replaced.

Commission Reports – Stewardship – It was stated that to date 81 pledges for 2009 have been received and there are at least 22 other pledges to be returned for a total of 103. In 2008 there were 105 pledges. Neila is coordinating the Stewardship program since Muriel Moore is away.

St. John's Church – There will be an All Hallows' Eve service at St. John's on Oct. 31.

Discernment – It was stated that the Discernment Committee has completed its work and another committee needs to follow up on ways to carry out the results. A new committee will be formed in January 2009 as a task oriented group and will formulate a plan based on the findings of the Discernment Committee. It was suggested that vestry minutes be posted on the website so everyone has access to the minutes. It was also suggested that a summary of the minutes be put in the newsletter. Dedy stated that she emailed the minutes to Barbara Armstrong for the October newsletter. It was stated that it is up to the vestry to carry out the ideas that the Discernment Committee formulated. It was stated that an Implementation or Planning Committee will follow the Discernment Committee. The original plan was that there was to be a Long Range Planning

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Committee. It was suggested that Kinceloe Hard be included on the new committee. The consensus of the vestry was that a Long Range Planning Committee would be formed in January 2009. It will be led by members of Holy Cross and not someone from the Diocese. John Zellner will appoint a chairman for this committee in January.

Personnel Committee – The committee gave recommendations to the Finance Committee for the 2008 budget.

Organ Committee – The new organ is in Winston-Salem at the organ builder's shop and hopefully will be installed before Easter of 2009.

Nominating Committee – The nominations for the upcoming vestry election are: John Goodrich, Tom McDonough, Maria Morton, Dan Shepherd, Jill Storelli, Vickie Weeden and Rudy Whitley. There will be four vestry positions to fill. It was stated that when the ballots are handed out at the annual meeting, those voting will need to mark the ballot for 4 people; otherwise, the ballot will not count. This is according to the church by-laws. There is also no absentee voting as there could be nominations put forward during the annual meeting. One of the vestry terms is to fill an unexpired two year term. Of the four people elected, the person with the low vote total will fill the two year term.

The November 18th vestry meeting will take the place of the November 25th regular vestry meeting. There will need to be a meeting in January to finalize the budget.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Edith C. Traver, Clerk