

The January 13, 2009 Vestry Meeting was held at St. Francis' Parish Hall and called to order at 7:00 p.m., with Fr. Kelsey Hogue providing the opening prayer.

Present: Sr. Warden: Brad Bode, presiding, Jr. Warden: Don Eigenberg, Vestry members: Darcy Haslam, Greg Suhr, Sheryl Spath, Al Williams, and Gina Shedd.

Guests: Priests Karen Anderson and Bob Manasek, treasurer Don Kepler, and Jane Sayre as secretary.

Absent: Julie Fancher, Joyce Walsh, Terry Haney, Kathy Yates.

Excused absent: Deacon Bob Brown, Pati McLellan.

With no corrections noted, **Minutes** of November 11, 2008 were accepted.

- **Financial Reports** were presented by Don Kepler, showing little change on the balance sheet. P & L report showing pledges ended up \$3,483 over budget, and due to roof repairs the repair/maintenance expense was \$2570 over budget. The current 2009 Pledge Report was presented, showing offerings of a \$16,720 increase, and a few pledges that have not come in yet. The 12/31/08 Church Foundation report was presented & discussed, showing an approximate 12 – 15% hit due to the problems with the economy. A rough-draft of the proposed 2009 Budget was presented, perused, and discussed with Vestry agreeing to some appropriate adjustments in the report, and providing explanations to the congregation for the annual meeting January 25th. Ham will be provided for the carry-in dinner.
- **Don Gable and Chris Kelly** have agreed to be placed for **nomination to the Vestry** for the '09, '10, & '11 term. Jane Wisniewski, Melissa Moreno, and Lori Wold were suggested as possible nominees for the third vacancy, and will be contacted to see if they are interested in serving.
- Fr. Kelsey shared that in the future, starting in 2010, he would like to see a change in the role of the Jr. Warden, changing the "title" to "**People's Warden**", to focus on taking care of new members and visitors. A building committee would be formed to take care of the issues of building upkeep & repairs, instead. Commenting "Church Growth Strategy", the new role would give an expanded dimension to the function of the Jr. Warden.
- Fr. Kelsey also reported that he felt the church had a **good Christmas attendance**, partly due to effective advertising efforts, and the fact that we had an 11:00 p.m. service, which no other church offered. Bob Manasek suggested we do the same thing at Easter. Members discussed and shared their impressions, and agreed to utilize more advertising to help the community be more aware of St. Francis activities and out-reach to the public.
- **Al Williams** reported that Prairied Treasures has, again, accrued over \$500 that can be disbursed. Members agreed to wait and let the new vestry decide where those funds will be disbursed.

The **following resolution** was duly adopted by the vestry of St. Francis Episcopal Church:

Whereas, the Reverend Kelsey Hogue is compensated by St. Francis Church exclusively for the services as a minister of the gospel; and

Whereas, St. Francis Church does not provide Fr. Hogue with a rectory, therefore, it is hereby

Resolved, that of the total compensation paid to Fr. Hogue for the calendar year 2009, \$30,000 shall be designated to be a housing allowance; and further

Resolved, that the designation of \$30,000 as a housing allowance shall apply to calendar year 2009 and all future years unless otherwise provided.

With no further business, the meeting was closed, with Karen leading the Lord's Prayer, at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Sayre
Secretary to the Vestry