

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
**Vestry Meeting – January 4, 2007**  
**(For December, 2006 & Abbreviated)**

**Present:** Rector Constance Delzell, Deacon Sally Brown, Senior Warden Rick Larson, Junior Warden Cyn Croasdaile, Roger Kilgore, Maryann O'Brien, Mary Buck, Greg Geissler, and Jonathan Coldren

**Absent:** Nicola Donaven, Jennifer Barker and Mike Kornelsen

**Attending:** Treasurer Kathy Fleming and Clerk Cheak Yee

The meeting of the Vestry scheduled for December 20, 2006 had been cancelled due to inclement weather. This meeting was convened to consider an abbreviated agenda of only several and certain items consonant with immediately pending and vital administrative processes of the Parish prior to the regularly scheduled January, 2007 Vestry meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Congregation at the end of this month. This meeting began with an opening prayer.

*Report of the Rector.* Mother Connie had previously indicated her discussions with James Vogelzang regarding his commitment to a special ministry which focuses on the first 72-hours after release of an inmate which are vital to successful transition of an ex-offender into society. The recidivism rate of individuals who receive a critical re-orientation and initial assistance is dramatically lower. A possibility for this Parish to assist in this ministry might be to provide office space for its administrative aspects. By consensus the Vestry endorsed further explorations on the positive possibilities.

*Report on Sacred Vision/Sacred Space.* Task Force Chair Roger distributed a handout which summarized major elements of a slide presentation prepared to review the past considerations and current ideas involved in this major endeavor. Given the recent possibility of land acquisition adjacent to the Parish, and given the original charge to the task force in terms of considering certain priorities in ministry to guide any possible physical reconfiguration/expansion of facilities, the task force had obtained (without additional cost thus far) conceptual drawings to outline within the likely available funds the potential options. The different potential versions would each have certain advantages and disadvantages in terms of divergent desiderata which, however, are not necessarily mutually exclusive. The questions for reflection involve the degrees of trade offs, and the task force itself did not adopt any formal or major recommendation(s) among the options that were drawn up for illustrative purposes.

Reviewing the visual and written presentations, individual members of the Vestry provided varying views for consideration on priorities to be preferred, among which were:

- 1) a restroom facility on the nave level and proper handicap-accessibility are likely more important than seating capacity;
- 2) as reduced seating capacity above can affect undercroft dimensions, a further tradeoff may involve configuration of meeting space and an additional multi-purpose room;
- 3) whether a staircase is permanent now vs. later needs to be assessed against the likelihood that later may be very long delayed; and,

- 4) the entry to our facility needs not only to be welcoming but also to be both efficient and logically/visibly sited.

Chairman Roger indicated that further thoughts can also be relayed to him and the task force and as these vital clarifications on priorities gel further, it may be feasible to obtain a further schematic to illustrate the goals of any expansion in a concrete way to undergird the Capital Campaign under consideration.

It was noted that the formation of a potential Capital Campaign Committee has proceeded well with all but one suggested appointees approached thus far being willing to serve and that individual has not ruled out such a role.

*Report of Stewardship Committee & Treasurer.* While the Stewardship Campaign has ended, there are a number of regular attendees and members of the Parish from whom, given the holidays and other distractions of the season, a pledge decision has yet to be received; Chairman Greg will continue with the final stages of his telephone follow-up.

Given that current situation, and the background that the Parish this past year did suffer several financially significant membership losses due to contributors moving or passing away, our preliminary 2007 Budget naturally indicates a projected deficit in the materials distributed by Treasurer Kathy. A further update can be prepared by the regular Vestry meeting upcoming and will hopefully provide a more positive portrayal. Included in the distribution were the unaudited financial statements through November 2006.

It has been encouraging that donations during December 2006 have been generous, and that the Keeping the Faith Initiative looks set to meet its goals.

Treasurer Kathy also welcomed further questions or suggestions regarding the preliminary budget from Vestry members; she explicated the assumptions she had made in the comments area of that document for the line items where she believed from previous discussions particular interest would focus on the rationale for estimates shown.

She noted that the line item for the previous Capital Campaign is now shown at zero, and this element can now be closed out.

The meeting ended with a closing prayer to permit clergy and Vestry to attend the Lessons and Carols service for Epiphany.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheak Yee  
Clerk