

## Vestry Minutes Highlights – St. Mark’s Episcopal Church – 18 Dec 2007

### 1. Rector’s Report : George

- Lessons & Carols service: 140 attended, and we were joined again by Glenbard East Madrigal Singers – beautiful service, and Marsha Webster sat-in for Charles to play organ; excellent promotion (signs, banners, press, e-mails) of the event;
- Cathedral Shelter gift baskets: record number of families (65) and individuals served this year – thanks again to Ginnie Judd!
- Cathedral Shelter drivers also accepted NOVA toy and clothing donations, and the suit/trouser donations organized by Guido Mariottini;
- St. Nicholas brunch was well-attended;
- Isabelle Nina Stephani was baptized;
- Several parishioners with health concerns: Virginia Whiting fell and broke a leg; Wes Rose fell and broke some ribs; Nancy Schmitt’s daughter Peggy Shopinski had surgery; Charles dealing with an infection and will miss some of the holiday services;
- George is meeting (WEEKLY) downtown to plan the consecration service for our new bishop;
- George attended “Fresh Start” conference in Houston (“parishes and clergy in transition”)

### 2. Associate Rector’s Report: Katie

- pageant a huge success: lots of participants and lots of instrumentalists;
- spoke to DKs;
- visited the Peoples Resource Center to see their work;
- visited PADS;
- several hospital visits;
- Katie attending local “Fresh Start” conferences;
- will be attending a “Making Excellent Disciples” conference in Jan in CA – expenses covered by a grant from the Lilly Foundation;
- “Advent Bedtime Stories” went well – attendees 2-10 years old;
- St. Mark’s will be hosting “Keeping God’s People Safe” seminars on Jan26 – anyone in a leadership position is encouraged to attend.

### 3. Christian Formation: David Fletcher

- Adult Ed programs are fully planned through June now;
- wide offering of presentations and selection of programs for all ages;
- would also like to try to organize more Bible-studies among adults.

### 4. Missions & Outreach: Ann Cardwell

- M&O continues to work on refining what the committee does;
- reiterate that M&O has moved away from “check-writing” as main activity;
- M&O can help other groups in parish: members propose that they be “organizers / bodies for labor / phone-callers / advertisers” to facilitate what’s successful here;
- Don Sutherland has identified an activity: St. Gregory’s needs science-lab equipment, and M&O could spearhead the fundraiser to meet matching-funds that have been promised by him;
- M&O is still waiting to hear from PADS on our offering to staff an overnighter.

### 5. Nominating Committee: Matt Gillespie

- candidates will be posted this week;
- bylaw discussion in attached report: do we need more candidates than vestry-seats?

### 6. Giving: Jim Jenkins

- 141 pledges received as of today;
- about \$400K total in pledges right now: mean and median are both up;
- we will have to go back to families to ask for an increase in 2008 pledges to hit \$464K goal.

### 7. Debt Scenarios: Scott Bednas

- Report attached: adjustments made to original June 2007 proposal and estimates;
- three new scenarios predict payoff in 2016, 2017, or 2019;
- projections are most-sensitive to the “average pledge growth” figure.

8. Budget: Dick Anstee

- Dick will take budget-questions at a meeting after service the Sunday before the annual meeting;
- pledge payments look like they will come in at about \$425K total (estimate) – but goal is \$464K;
- unused \$30K from 2007 Campbell Trust funds could be tapped;
- some additional money might be found with budget cutbacks:
  - accounting services: audit planned for 2008 could be postponed
  - buildings and grounds: some budget might be cut here
  - diocesan support: could be reduced from amount Bishop asks from us
- could redouble pledge-campaign efforts, and/or ask for additional increases from parishioners

9. Finance: Jack Toliver

- pledge payments are behind projections for November; some of deficit was made-up by open-plate and family gifts;
- deficit opened up another \$12K this month – again, pledge shortfalls;
- we may want to roll the unused \$30K of 2007 Campbell Trust money into 2008;
- we have used-up several cash-accounts this year to cover cash shortfalls: unrestricted funds that were available to us, now depleted.

Unofficial notes by Daniel Conaway