

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Glen Ellyn, Illinois  
Vestry Minutes for November 17, 2009

1. Consent Agenda: Oct vestry minutes and budget questions were moved to the Discussion Agenda. minor corrections to October minutes;

budget: one question on proposed budget; budget will be discussed again at December meeting, and voted-upon at January meeting.

Motion for approval of consent agenda; approval granted unanimously.

2. Rector's Report (read into record):

The Rev. Paul-Gordon Chandler, rector of St. John's Church in Cairo, Egypt, gave a presentation on Muslim-Christian relations at St. Mark's on Nov. 11th. He spoke eloquently about the role of Christ in Islam and the many commonal-ities shared by Christians and Muslims. Attendance of 30 included guests from the Ahmadiyya Community (Muslim) in Glen Ellyn.

George Smith and Elizabeth Molitors attended the Wake Up Your Spirit breakfast for DuPage PADS on Nov. 4th. Carol Simler, executive director of PADS, announced the results of the St. Mark's pumpkin patch to the 200+ crowd.

Culver Floyd, long-time member of St. Mark's, active in the 1960s and 70s died on Oct. 30th. George Smith officiated at a service at Leonard's on Nov 4th.

St. Mark's participated in Sleep Out Saturday on November 7th. Eleven adults and youth slept in tents on the front lawn and raised over \$300 for Bridge Communities.

Brad Hugley was our guest organist for the first Friends of Music concert on Oct 25th.

The 7/8th grade confirmation group hosted a UNICEF party on Oct 25th. The amount raised for UNICEF is over \$100.

Over 15 men's coats were donated through a —Trick or Treat for Coatsll to St. Leonard's ministries.

A memorial service for Verlin Deutscher was held at St. Mark's on Oct. 24th

The Pumpkin Patch for PADS grossed over \$15,000 between Oct.10 and Oct. 31. Proceeds will go to PADS (\$5,000) and the Native American growers in New Mexico (\$10,000).

Small group visioning meetings concluded in November. A summary of the results is available on the St. Mark's web site: [www.stmarksglenellyn.org](http://www.stmarksglenellyn.org)

A survey about the vision for St. Mark's was mailed to all parish household on November 7th to be returned by Nov. 16th.

3. Strategy Session: Leadership Strategy: George

Today's environment: chronic anxiety and lack of healthy leadership.

Recommended reading: Edwin H. Friedman —A Failure of Nerve: Leadership in the Age of Quick Fixll – the first ingredient is to have a healthy SELF.

Leadership in the Church is different from other areas of leadership; church is not-for-profit and volunteer-heavy;

involves concepts of theology, mission and the meaning of life

The health and future of St. Mark's depends on the health and effectiveness of its leaders;

a rector-centered parish is vulnerable and has a weak base;

strive for transparency

work for accountability of leadership

4. Giving Campaign update: Joe

As of today, \$394,600 committed— \$108K to reach our goal.

111 renewing pledgers + 12 new = 123 pledges received.

Second mailing went out: 148 new letters and follow-up calls on week of Dec 02.

We are now at 68% of pledgers responded and 78% of dollars to goal, which is ahead of numbers this time last year.

Unofficial notes by Daniel Conaway