

**Trinity Cathedral**  
**January Chapter Meeting**  
**January 13, 2009**  
**7:00 p.m.**

*"Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries."  
(1 Corinthians 4:1)*

Attending: Lori Babcock, Priest-in-Charge; Scott Smith, Bishop's Warden; Susan Moore, People's Warden; Eddie Vance, Jane Morgan, Karyn Dustin, Susan Dickinson, Holly Ireland, Registrar; Bill Manley, Cindy Jurrius, Bob LaForce.

The meeting began at 7:00 PM. Opening Prayer was led by Susan Dickinson. Bill Manley shared his spiritual autobiography.

Accept December Meeting Minutes

The December meetings were distributed in draft form, acknowledging there were several changes needed. Several corrections made, and these minutes will be redistributed as revised. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the December minutes be accepted as corrected. It was also agreed that future changes to minutes will be outlined definitively in this section of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Katie Murphy, Treasurer is out of town and made effort to prepare a report for review, but did not receive the necessary information to finalize a report before her departure.

There was a review of the comparison of Pledges for 2008 & 2009. There is much similarity between the two years. Changes in reduced pledge amounts, increased pledge amounts, new pledges, and unrenewed pledges has results in almost no change in total pledge amounts from 2008 to 2009.

Budget Discussion and Approval

Review the Stewardship Budget as amended with all the proposed changes from the December Chapter meeting. After much discernment and discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to accept the budget as amended.

It was agreed that we ensure at the annual meeting the following budget details are highlighted:

- 2008 pledges vs. collected amounts to be sure the congregation is fully aware of the implication of fulfilling their pledges.
- 2008 projected vs. actual invasion of the trust fund
- The originally projected budget invasion in 2009 and work to decrease that amount by half during the budgeting process
- 2009 goal to minimize to the greatest extent possible any invasion of trust funds.

Priest's Report

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- Overview of the past month, Christmas celebrations were delightful. The decoration of the Cathedral in one joyous afternoon, the offerings of ministers, lectors, choir and musicians alter guild and many others were wonderful. The Hospitality Committee hosted a Christmas Eve celebration. Bishop and Mother Lori celebration of service on Christmas Eve and Christmas day. Christmas Day luncheon celebration hosted by Susan Dickinson was delightful and delicious. The Saturday following Christmas there was a service and celebration at William Hill.
- Outreach continues to be very busy Monday afternoons. The food pantry distributed approximately 200 chicken and food bags the week of Christmas. It serves about 60 families weekly.
- Youth are doing well in Sunday school. Kudos to Liz Connolly and Lauren Westerfield on the success of the Epiphany Pageant.
- The Middle School Youth group attended the Youth Rally hosted by Baptist Youth Ministries this past weekend in Ocean City. Doug Jurrius, Pat Beall, and Denise Stewart were the youth leaders. The group was able to invite Jonathan Powell, Greg Powell's 13 year old son. This was a wonderful transition opportunity for the youth.
- This coming Thursday, 1/15 @ 6:00 PM there will be a showing of the award winning documentary "For the Bible Tells Me So." Following the movie presentation will be with a guest speaker panel. The message is that we are a welcoming and inclusive church of all, specifically of gay and lesbian persons. It is intended to be a demonstration of our leadership and unity with the larger church community.
- Mother Lori spoke of being called to St. John, Mount Washington, Baltimore. St. John's is also a parish in transition and had a 24-year rector who retired last June. Much of their congregation lives in Baltimore County and commutes into the city. Mother Lori will be Priest-in-Charge for 3 years, with a plan after 2-years to call the priest-in-charge as rector, or begin a search at the time.
- Mother Lori expressed deep appreciation for Trinity's steadfastness in being a welcoming community, truly a house of worship for all people. This is evident in many ways: greeting and welcoming new members to service, outreach to Mississippi, through the migrant ministry, through the food pantry, winterization, Habitat for Humanity. Altogether too many ways to name.
- Mother Lori identified our largest needs to address – building and grounds, and stewardship. She stated the buildings and grounds truly need committee support. And stewardship needs to discern the ways in which we give and use our time, talent, and treasures. She encouraged us to keep on loving one another, and speak the truth in love.

#### Chapter nominations update

Jane Morgan's term is coming to an end. Eddie Vance needs clarification from the Bishop regarding his continued service on the Chapter. Bishop Shand appoints all Diocesan representatives to the Chapter. Lori, Scott, and Susan have reviewed a list of several candidates for Chapter nominations – Nancy Cummings and Connie Overington have agreed to be nominated. Cheryl Krebeck declined this year, stating perhaps in the future. There are several other congregants who have been contacted. Scott Smith stated that he will be stepping down as Senior Warden after two years of service. He will remain on the Chapter for the third year of his term. Scott plans to ask Howard Snyder if he is interested and willing to fulfill the last year of Jim McCabe term, and do so as Bishops Warden. Scott asked that a very brief Chapter meeting