

Hickory Neck Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
April 6, 2006

Present: Fred Boelt (Treasurer/Junior Warden), Donna Casanave (Parish Life) Michael Delk (Rector), Ann Dieterle (Associate Rector), Sue Dugan (Pastoral Care), De Fehrenbach (Formation), Nancy Geddes (Youth), Lynn Geddy (Parish Life), Connie Kendrick (Worship), Chuck Jundt (Outreach), Katrina Luksovsky (Newcomers), Brian Manning (Buildings and Grounds), Randy Tanner (Senior Warden) and Bill Teale (Outreach). Phyllis Faas was absent.

I. Vestry Check-in:

Vestry members shared personal news since our last meeting.

II. Opening Prayer and Meditation:

III. Approval of the Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the March vestry minutes, seconded and passed unanimously.

IV. Parishioner Comments and Initiatives:

Bert Geddy presented the vestry with a report on a defibrillator. WC Health Foundation Grant to place Adds. Historic Triangle Public Access to Defibrillator Task Force. They haven't come up with a final policy however, are looking at 50/50 or 70/30 for funding. The EMS coordinator should be able to get around \$1800.00 total. The Men's Breakfast group has expressed an interest in obtaining a defibrillator. Bert reported that four hours of training on this device is recommended although it would be fairly expensive to go through a vendor. As for liability, the VA Good Samaritan Law should cover ADD/CPR – which is the training course name. The Hickory Neck Men's Breakfast group has decided to run with it. Fred Boelt said that there would be no problems with our insurer. We should know the funding formula by next week. There will probably be a formal application process and Bert stated that he will get the application for us. We will proceed with the application however any final vote on this matter will be postponed until we obtain full information. Insurance will cost approximately \$4000.00 and the possibility of fundraising was mentioned.

Martha McCartney and Camille Bowman, Architectural Historian brought several concerns and a recommendation on the Historic Chapel. There is water damage to the exterior fabric of the building due to the heaping of mulch above the ground gutters. This has allowed water to be poured toward the building. Damage to the brick is apparent. Oyster shells on the ground would catch water and prevent splashing on to the building. There are concerns regarding the roof such as the condition of wood however, condition of wood should take priority over aesthetic features. Historic Structures report – normally cost would be from \$30,000.00 to \$35,000.00 and this is one approach. When Camille

wrote the letter, she had not seen the Colonial Vestry Book. Martha suggests that the North part is circa 1774 - 19th century addition. We cannot ever recreate what was there before and would like to see us get a qualified architectural historian. She has Carl Lansbury from Colonial Williamsburg and Mark R. Winger lined up who can make a brief assessment and then make recommendations on preservation concerns. The question of what to do with the interior deals with the fact that we won't be recreating the eighteenth century as we really do not know what the period should be. Mr. Winger and Mr. Lansbury could draw up a proposal which would then come back to the vestry for consideration. We do have on hand a drawing from someone who attempted to recreate the look from the Vestry Book. Michael stated that \$30 to \$35K might be prohibitive. Martha does not need any help in this work at this point other than the aforementioned problem with the mulch. It is agreed that we're not going to get back to 18th Century, that "Band-aid" repairs to prevent the condition from worsening are in order and thirdly, how do we renovate the interior and exterior as we have the funds?

These issues will be communicated to the Parish through the Nuggets.

Chuck stated that oyster shells are extremely expensive but that clam shells may be more obtainable. Fred said that the difference is in the edges. Brian is looking into this matter and his findings will go into the Nuggets to keep parishioners informed. Sealant on the brick is not a possibility.

V. New Chapel Report:

According to the latest schedule from the contractor, work should be completed by June 6th. There is still work to be done on the organ that includes rebuilding and tuning thus, we're trying to get Aaron, Ed and the builders together so that we can work out creative ways to have the organ going up simultaneously with the completion of the new chapel. Possible dates were discussed and an official announcement should be possible by the end of April. We're still only slightly 2% over budget and have 8% of the contingency fund left.

VI. Treasurer's Report:

1st Quarter we're slightly in the 'red' and it has been necessary to borrow \$193,000.00. This is the first month that we've had to borrow. As recommended by the bank, we're holding some funds in our money market account. We will be able to retain a portion of it, long-term, to service the debt. Something will need to go into the budget next year for debt service. Budget anticipated 8-months usage of the new chapel, so utilities will go down (6months in building).

Fred said that this is about where he thought we would be at this time.

VII. Junior Warden's Report:

None

VIII. Senior Warden's Report:

None

IX. Associate Rector's Report:

Ann+ distributed the Christian Formation report to vestry members.

X. Rector's Report:

Average Sunday attendance since last vestry meeting

Average Sunday attendance in the last period between meetings

New members by letter of transfer since last vestry meeting

No deaths, marriages, or transfers out of the parish since last vestry meeting.

Burials, since last vestry meeting:

Calendar events since last vestry meeting:

Upcoming calendar events:

XI.

XI. New Business:

None

XII. Old Business

None .

XIII. Other Business:

The second official Outreach Council meeting was held featuring a presentation by the Faith in Action Group and future meetings will include information presented by other like organizations.

XVI. Concluding Prayer

The next regular meeting of the vestry will occur on Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 7:00pm.

Faithfully submitted:

Phyllis Faas, Registrar