

St. Agnes Episcopal Church  
Vestry Meeting Minutes  
January 2, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Wardens and Vestry of St. Agnes Episcopal Church, Little Falls, NJ was called to order at 7:50 P.M.

Present: M. Borden, P. Keating, R Patrick, A Picazio, T. Ploch, W. Drake-Schneider, Daphne Thomas, Margie Tuttle and J. Skal (Treasurer)

Regrets: S. Cox

**Minutes:** A motion to accept the minutes of the December meeting, as amended, was made by W. Drake- Schneider 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Keating and approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joan Skal reported that she has made the last installment of our 2006 Diocesan Pledge. The Diocesan Convention fee per delegate is \$85. Joan will send a check for 1 clergy and 3 lay delegates. The December Treasurer's Report will be presented at the next meeting.

**Business Items:**

1. **Pastoral Duties:** The vestry discussed our current needs in order to define the role that The Rev. Margie Tuttle is going to fulfill as our supply clergy and compensate her accordingly. Her responsibilities will include:

  - Conduct Sunday Eucharist Service
  - Attend monthly vestry meetings
  - Pastoral visits and emergency visits

This will involve working Sunday, plus the equivalent of one other day. A motion to pay a weekly cash stipend of \$250 per week and to reimburse for travel according to current I.R.S. rates (a log will be kept) effective January 1, 2007 and continuing until otherwise determined, was made by P. Keating, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Picazio and approved unanimously.
2. **Convention Delegates:** The Rev. Margie Tuttle will attend the Annual Diocesan Convention as our clergy delegate. Robert Patrick, Daphne Thomas and Wendy Drake-Schneider will attend as lay delegates.
3. **Totowa Pulpit Exchange:** We had discussed the possibility of having some form of pulpit exchange with Christ Church, Totowa, but it was decided to pass on this, since we currently are relying on supply clergy. Instead, we are going to invite their vestry to attend our vestry meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>. We will hold our regular business meeting at 7:00 PM before meeting with them at 8:00 PM. We also hope to work out a shared Lenten program and some Holy Week services, including a Holy Thursday Seder at St. Agnes and the Easter Vigil at Christ Church.

4. **Anonymous Donation:** The church has received and gives thanks for an anonymous donation of \$3,000 for new white altar hangings.
5. **Organ Repairs:** Tom Ploch and Lisa Conti are trying to track down the name of the person that last did work on the organ, which is in need of tuning and some repairs.
6. **Organist for Feb 11<sup>th</sup>:** Roger Rossnagel will be unavailable on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. Joan Skal is going to try to contact Bonnie to fill in as organist that Sunday.
7. **Visiting Other Churches:** Following the direction of Cannon Echols, we discussed visiting other churches. It was decided that before going to a Sunday worship service, we should make a contact with their warden(s) so that we can also discuss what their mission is and how they go about fulfilling it. Tom Ploch is planning to go to Glen Rock on 1/7 and Wendy Drake-Schneider is going to St. Michaels, Wayne on 1/14.
8. **Locking the Doors:** While the doors to the church are left unlocked, there should not be open access to the rest of the buildings. Lisa will be instructed to send a letter to our space users reminding them of the importance of locking up when leaving our facilities.
9. **American Flag in Church:** We will put this to a vote at the Annual Parish Meeting. In the meantime, we will make note of what other churches are doing when we do our visits.
10. **Budget:** Tom Ploch is working on the proposed 2007 budget and should have a first draft together in time for the February Meeting.
11. **Expression of Thanks:** The Vestry expressed thanks to Fr. Dave Thomas for volunteering to conduct the New Year's Day worship service at St. Agnes.
12. **Newsletter Editor:** Tom Ploch is going to talk to Linda Barnett about continuing to collect the information for the newsletter but having Lisa be the publisher.
13. **Movie Night:** The next family movie night will be on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. Wendy Drake-Schneider is contacting Christ Church, Totowa to invite them to participate.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by P. Keating, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Ploch and approved unanimously at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Robert J. Patrick, Clerk

Date of next meeting: February 6, 2007

