

EPIPHANY CHURCH, DULANEY VALLEY

Vestry report

This report is based on the minutes of the Vestry held at 7.00 pm on Monday 1/17/09. Boring and confidential items are omitted.

Present:

Members: Janet Fawcett, Linda Lewis, Chris Carroll, Tony Blades, Lou Hubner and Laurence Thomsen

Officers: Kathryn Wajda, Steve Orr, Steve Siperko, Jon McAllister and Richard Fawcett.

1. Membership: New members Lou Hubner and Laurence Thomsen were welcomed. It was noted that there are still two vacancies on vestry. It was pointed out that the election of Gilbert Spencer as a junior member at the annual meeting was invalid; it is the Vestry that appoints junior members and anyway he had only been a member since October. Vestry appointed Gilbert as a junior member commencing 4/1/09.

2. Music

Mary Hamlin-Spencer was invited to talk about her vision for the music program at Epiphany. She said that her predecessor had left her an adult choir of fine musicians doing great work. She hopes to develop and expand the choir. The treble choir has 5 awesome members and handbells are going well under Bruce Anderson. She hopes to revive the cherub choir soon.

One of Mary's goals is to work on Christian Formation through music. She uses the Royal School of Church Music material – it has lots of resources and events. She hopes to have Evensong and in time more ambitious events.

On a practical note, she explained the cost of music to support 50 anthems a year, the inadequacy of the music budget in that area and the small size of the current music library.

3. Election of Officers:

The current list of officers was reelected for another year.

4. Ihloff Grant

Steve Orr has been working with Kathryn on a grant application for the Cockeysville Project, which would be concerned with supporting poor single parent families. It would be led by Kris Lindh-Payne, who has accepted our offer of a position with us and starts on June 15th. It is expected that as it develops it will involve other churches in the area. Linda has seen something similar in Atlanta work well.

5. Other business

Steve Orr reported the new **web site** nears completion. The dream is of one that is used by and relied on by church members. It would contain for example information about vestry proceedings, including notice of major agenda items.

Arrangements for the **Vestry Retreat** were confirmed: leader the Rev Amy Richter, topic Alice Mann's The In Between Church, place the Orr House, date 3/7/09.

On Finance, Steve Siperko reported concerns about lower than expected income in January – it may just be that some larger donations have been delayed. He is also concerned about Capital Projects (some who made 3 year pledges a year ago have left). It must not be forgotten. He will bring firmer figures next time.

There had been a very successful **Newcomers'** Dinner, with 6 new families.

8. Next meeting. 3/23 (the fourth Monday). Thereafter normally the 3rd Monday so 4/20, 5/18 etc.

Richard Fawcett (Registrar)