

**JANUARY 19, 2008 MINUTES
FOR A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE 2007 VESTRY
OF ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

A Special Meeting of the 2007 Vestry of St. David's Episcopal Church, Roswell, GA, was duly called by the Senior Warden for January 19, 2008. The Meeting was held in the Bethany Room of St. David's and commenced at approximately 9:30 in the morning. The purpose of the Meeting was to consider the 2008 budget proposed by the Finance Committee.

In attendance were,

Vestry Members – Steve Cunningham, Bill Sleeper, Charlie Gwynn, Connie DeSanto, Teddi McIntosh, Rob Hungerford, Jim Landers, Gail Greene, and Roger Mathis.

Non-Vestry Attendees – Fr. Paul Winton, Fr. Todd Dill, Reverend Anne Elizabeth, and Vickie Connelly (Treasurer).

Fr. Paul and Charlie Gwynn served as Chairmen of the Meeting and Steven Cunningham served as Secretary for the Meeting.

A quorum being present and accounted for, Fr. Paul gave an opening prayer and called the meeting to order. Fr. Paul commended the Finance Committee for the good work and hard work done by that Committee. Charlie Gwynn explained that the Finance Committee had started with a \$460,000 deficit and had met on January 8, 2008 and reduced that deficit by \$165,000, and had met again on January 17, 2008 and left that meeting believing they had reached a balanced budget. They later learned that the amount of money that had to be paid down on the construction loan for Jeffords Hall had been understated in the amount of \$45,000.

Father Paul explained that the budget deficits were both good news and bad news, bad in the sense that the cuts were going to necessitate a reduction in personnel and some ministry expenditures, but good in the sense that they reflected people wanted to expand ministries. Father Paul also explained that the mortgage payment included in Lance's Jeffords Hall budget was not contractually binding, but that we all would act at our peril and compound future budget problems if we elected not to make the \$72,000 payment or at least a major portion of it.

Father Paul and Charlie Gwynn proposed the following to tackle the deficit now faced in the 2008 budget: freeze all salaries for clergy and staff at the 2007 levels (with the understanding that Father Paul's proposed increase would be revisited at the end of June 2008); make the EYC budget 110% of the 2007 budget; reduce the Outreach budget by \$5,000; and reduce the Jeffords Hall mortgage payment to \$60,127. These changes would result in a balanced budget for 2008.

Gail Green then read an e-mail from Judy Beecham crafted after a meeting of the Stewardship Committee which called for a communication with the Parish informing the congregation of the deep cuts being required to see if some Parishioners might step up and give more. The Vestry deemed this a very good proposal and Father Paul agreed to draft a letter to the Parish, with Gail's input, and to have the letter (the "Call Letter") go out by e-mail and hard copy the next week. It was also agreed that the clergy would make a "pitch" from the pulpit on Sunday next.

A Resolution was also adopted for the Vestry to draft a letter to go to the Parish at large in May letting the Parishioners know the importance of making their pledge commitments on time.

There was continued discussion on the proposed budget and then Bill Sleeper moved for adoption of the budget as proposed, which motion was duly seconded by Roger Mathis. The Vestry then voted unanimously to adopt the budget as proposed, with the proviso that, in the event there were additional or increased pledges as a result of the Call Letter, the first dollars would go to restore Outreach by the \$5,000 cut approved and any additional dollars would be allocated as determined by the Vestry in its discretion. The budget as passed is also to be made a part of and filed with these Minutes.

Reverend Anne Elizabeth then gave a closing prayer and, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Special Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted to be made a part of the records of the St. David's Vestry this 19th day of January, 2008.

Steven A. Cunningham