

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November Vestry meeting were approved via email.

Newcomers – Diane Hartley and Peggy Pate

Newcomers greeted 3 visitors in December who were interested in joining the church. These visitors will be invited to lunch on Jan. 14 and assigned to a Bridge to Membership person. Lenny & Carol Tieman have resigned from Newcomers pending a move to Baltimore. Newcomers team personnel will discuss discontinuing the Newcomers greeting team following the 8:00 A.M. service because a. There are seldom any visitors at the service and b. There are no volunteers from the Newcomer Team members to staff the team. This will be discussed in February or March at a Newcomer Team general meeting.

Christian Education – Diane Hartley and Kathy Jones

- Christian Education for December was fairly well attended the first 3 weeks in December, especially on the Sunday that the children sing or perform. Our parish young families seem to be drawn to 'performance' type activities.
- The Christmas Pageant was well received by the young families. Melaini Touchstone volunteered again to direct it and did a great job! I noticed she had lots of parents willing to help her throughout, particularly on performance day.
- January 7th classes were well attended by the adults. Parishioners are habitually late, not just 'tardy' to our CE classes.
- Two adult classes are offered for January: Living the Good News! - Walt Cabe, facilitator, and Christian Parenting - Susie Wheaton, facilitator. Fr. Matkin will add a class in February and teach through May 20th, our last CE class day. (forgot name ; will send after lunch)
- We plan to have a mid-week Lenten Study w/ soup. A group of us are looking at different possibilities. We will need 5 different groups of people to take turns making the soup and setting up Parish Hall on Feb. 28, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28. (ie Vestry, Choir, CE, Staff,)
- We pray for 100% participation in 2007 in Christian Education on Sunday morning, particularly for families with children and youth. We did have some students return on Jan. 7th after a long absence. And, as always, we are most thankful for our faithful volunteer Sunday School teachers!!

Pastoral Care – Diane Hartley and Peggy Pate

Stephen Ministry continues to struggle along, in December we lost one of our more enthusiastic members, Anne Stellmaker passed away in December, we all miss her a lot. Winnie Kinder is moving out of town, to Allen Texas, we will miss her as she was a very energetic member.

We have 10 Care receivers and we provide care to 7 communicants.

Hospital visits continue, we have 10 visitors, so as a rule they visit every day from Monday to Friday.

At our December Christmas party we enjoyed the company of Father Edward and Mrs. Kresowaty also Rev. Canon John and Mrs. Heidt. A good time was had by all.

Treasurer's Report – John Banks/Wendell Rosales

Money Market:

We were able to deposit \$8,000 at the end of December increasing our balance to \$83,427.94. In January we will be making another deposit to the money market account.

Dedicated Accounts:

At the end of December we were given \$1000 to "fix the heat" in the church, this was added to the H/AC account, however, Ty was able to get the heat to come on with no charge.

Special Offering:

At the end of December we were given a donation of \$8,000 to be used for "building fund, Christian Ed. and Youth". I will transfer the funds into the appropriate accounts in January.

Income:

We have not received the \$2,000 end of the year donation from the bookstore. They do not know if they will be able to give us this as their income versus expenses may not allow it.

Stewardship Committee – Kathy Jones and Susan Hekman

The Stewardship Committee met on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 to write thank-you notes to the remainder of the 2007 pledgers and review the completed fall pledge campaign. Members present included Monica Brown, Kristin Hadawi, Susan Hekman, Kathy Jones and Stephen Vinson.

The following recommendations for 2007 were made:

- Distribution of an expanded Narrative Budget Booklet to include current operating fund distributions, ministry details, and special program events;
- Production of an annual video history of parish life;
- Expand Special "kick-off" Event to a seated dinner format with stewardship-specific program including a Narrative Budget presentation, parish life video and formal pledge request;

Stewardship Committee – Kathy Jones and Susan Hekman (continued)

- Increase number of volunteers on the Stewardship Committee;
- Discontinue inclusion of first-class postage on pledge return envelopes.

The statistics for the 14th week (1/13 – 1/17/07) of the Pledge Campaign for 2007 include:

- Number of pledges received – 203
- Total amount of pledges received - \$502,010.00
- Average Pledge - \$2,472.96
- 22 of the 203 pledges received for 2007 are new pledges (did not pledge in 2006);
Average New Pledge - \$1,404.55.

Budget – vote by email

The 2007 budget was distributed and voted on via email. There were 9 yes votes, 2 no votes and one abstention.