

THE GOOD NEWS
OF
ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL



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Rector's Thoughts

How to be different and together

This past weekend George and I were at a clergy retreat. We arrived late to the retreat and so I had to do some mental hustling to catch up. The themes of the retreat centered around the need to work together as colleagues and hopefully friends. We talked a lot about the issue of respect, both giving and receiving, of diversity, both appreciating and utilizing, and we worked also on recognizing and employing elements of good and effective partnerships. It was a good learning time. I got a lot out of the retreat material, which served as a good review for me regarding a pet topic ...healthy Church relationships.

But there was an unexpected benefit to the retreat which, in a way, reinforced all of our hard thinking. There we were together in one place. We prayed together, worked together in lecture and workshop sessions, ate together and yes -- played together.

In that mix of talk and work, prayer and play, I understood that we were living out tenets of good relationships. Now, we often disagreed with one another, but it was respectful and good-humored. Our difference of opinion offered a way to learn another view and, perhaps, expand our knowledge if not change our minds.

It reminded me of what health was possible in a mutually supportive environment, a deliberately supportive environment where people listened to one other and worked at allowing more than one view to be upheld.

This is surely no different than the good that can be practiced and lived in our Parish setting. People together in vestry, or any other committee, having the best for the church in mind, can work toward it with a big dose of mutual respect. Diversity and its appreciation can then become a blessing instead of a tool of division.

It was a very good lesson with which to be reminded. ja+

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

At its February meeting, the All Saints' Vestry:

- *Considered a bid for \$600 to put fluorescent lights in the kitchen and replace the working parts of lamps outside the west entrance, but took no action at this time.
- *Noted that Jackie has been appointed to the transition committee for the new Bishop, because she had previously served as the liaison with Bishop Elect Mike Smith.
- *Adopted a storm policy specifying that church would only be canceled if the city of Minot advised no travel.
- *Noted plans for studying A Rule of Life during Lent
- *Considered releasing our phone directory list for fund-raising by the United Campus Ministry.
- *Heard George report that we had consulted with David Neiss about the cracking pews, but that further consultation would take place.
- *Agreed to purchase the on-line version of The Vestry Notes and to hear a summary of the lead article in each monthly issue.
- *Heard a report that our liturgical supplier, from whom we are purchasing new Lenten altar hangings, can match the color of the chasubles that were made by Kathy Fillmore.
- *Agreed, at the next meeting, to brainstorm ideas for attracting more families with children to church gs+.



Below are the notes from last year's annual meeting, which were mistakenly left out of the Annual Report.

Notes from Annual Meeting
January 26, 2003

The Rev. Jackie Bernacchi opened the meeting with a prayer at 11:50 pm.

Officers for the meeting were appointed as follows:

Secretary: Kathy Hintz

Parliamentarian: Julie Fager

Tellers: Kathy Fillmore and John Williams

Thirty one qualified voters were present at the meeting.

Jackie recognized and thanked two outgoing members of the vestry, Carolyn King, and John Williams.

Mo Parrish, Margi Lee, and Kim Erwin were nominated for the vestry. It was moved and seconded (Dode Common, Kathy Fillmore) that nominations cease. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded (Dianne Long, Kathy Fillmore) to accept the ballot. Motion carried.

The annual meeting minutes from the January 27, 2002 meeting were inadvertently left out of the annual report so there was no vote to accept them.

The Annual Convention will be held October 4-5 in Minot. Nominees for the convention delegates were Kim Erwin, Joanne Buriak, Paul Buriak, Vikki Lokken, Kathy Fillmore, Jim Myers and Sandi Myers. Delegates elected were Joanne Buriak, Sandy Myers, Jim Myers, Paul Buriak and Kathy Fillmore. Alternates were Vikki Lokken and Kim Erwin.

Les Bunker moved the nominations cease and Bruce Jacobson seconded. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded (Mo Parish, Jean Parrish) to accept the Annual Reports of Parish Organization and Officers for 2002. Motion carried.

Sandi Myers presented the proposed budget for 2003 and introduced the new treasurer, Valerie Schrader. Vikki Lokken raised a question about how money was allocated for the Rector's discretionary fund. Kathy Fillmore

raised a question about flower money. Rev. George Slanger reported on potential furnace problems and options for repair or replacement.

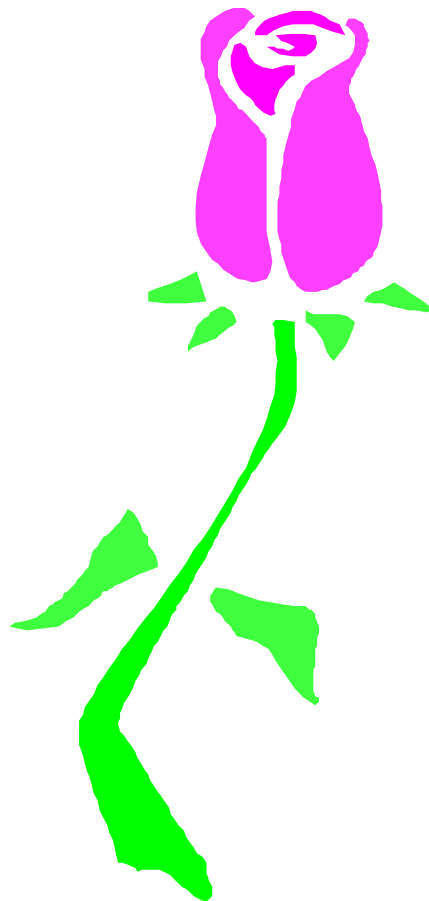
It was moved and seconded (Paul Buriak, Bruce Jacobson) to accept the budget.

Kathy Fillmore proposed an amendment to the budget which deleted lines #5505 (altar flowers), #5510 (advent/Christmas flowers) and #5525 (Easter flowers) because money collected from special offerings would cover any flowers purchased. Seconded by Vikki Lokken. Motion to accept the budget with the amendment carried.

Rev. George Slanger explained the core values, mission statement and goals and invited comments to vestry members on them. He explained the new hospitality sign up sheet located on the freezer instead of vestry members calling to solicit hosts. Greeters will still be solicited.

It was motioned and seconded (Margi Lee, Judy Smith) to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Hintz
Secretary



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Clergy Retreat ----->	2 Clergy Retreat ----->	3 5:15 p.m. Eucharist/ Soup Supper/ Lenten Study 6:30 p.m. Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	4 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. Soup Kitchen 6:00 p.m. Ecumenical Bible Study @ Vincent Methodist	5	6 4:30 p.m. Eucharist
7 9:00 a.m. Christian Education 10:00 a.m. Eucharist	8 Rector's Day Off	9 12:00 p.m. Lunch/Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer	10 4:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting 5:15 p.m. Eucharist/ Soup Supper/ Lenten Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	11 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. Soup Kitchen 6:00 p.m. Native American Talking Circle 6:00 p.m. Ecumenical Bible Study @ Vincent	12	13 4:30 p.m. Eucharist
14 9:00 a.m. Christian Education 10:00 a.m. Eucharist	15 6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting Rector's Day Off	16 12:00 p.m. Lunch/Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer	17 5:15 p.m. Eucharist/ Soup Supper/ Lenten Study 6:30 p.m. Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. Evening Guild	18 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. Soup Kitchen 6:00 p.m. Ecumenical Bible Study @ Vincent Methodist	19 6:00 p.m. Chowder & Marching Society	20 11:00 a.m. Lay Ministers Workshop 4:30 p.m. Eucharist Joseph
21 9:00 a.m. Christian Education 10:00 a.m. Eucharist	22 Rector's Day Off	23 12:00 p.m. Lunch/Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer	24 5:15 p.m. Eucharist/ Soup Supper/ Lenten Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	25 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. Soup Kitchen 6:00 p.m. Native American Talking Circle 6:00 p.m. Ecumenical Bible Study @ Vincent Methodist Annunciation	26	27 4:30 p.m. Eucharist with Native American Expressions
28 9:00 a.m. Christian Education 10:00 a.m. Eucharist	29 Rector's Day Off	30 12:00 p.m. Lunch/Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer	31 5:15 p.m. Eucharist/ Soup Supper/ Lenten Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	<p style="text-align: center;">AllSaints' Episcopal Church 301 South Main Minot, ND 58701 (701) 839-1037 Email: allsaint@minot.com Website: www.minot.com/~allsaint</p>		