

**July 28, 2009**  
**Meeting of the Vestry of Saint Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church**  
**7:00 P.M. in the Chapel**  
**Next Meeting: August 25, 2009**

**Vestry members present:** Brad Erickson, Jessica Anderson, Rick Storrs, AnnaMarieijo Hoos, Paul Fromberg, Leesy Taggart

**Absent:** Susan Abernethy, Elizabeth Boileau, David Kincaid

**Also Attending:** Leesy Taggart, Treasurer

**Attachments:** Year to date 6/30 financials from Leesy?

**I. Approval of June 2009 minutes:**

June minutes were not presented for review and approval. June minutes and July minutes will be approved at August vestry.

**II. Treasurer's Report**

Generosity continues to be strong for summer months with June's cash flow being positive and July looking like it will be about breakeven. Year-to-date through June, pledge and plate giving have pulled ahead of last year's levels. Expenses are within budget. Leesy and Paul will check with Alissa to see whether she wants to continue to volunteer as our stewardship lead.

**III Convenors' Report**

Brad and Jessica continued the discussion on how we would be handling the responsibilities for the convenors in the new organizational structure.

Jessica will move to handling internal parish focused activities. Those would include executive oversight of: communications within the community; strategic planning for communications and content for communications, internal service opportunities including choir, deacons, coffee hours, parish events, membership and other internal activities. Jessica will be partnering with other commissioners and volunteers to get the work done. Jessica will be working with all internal service providers to see

where there are needs and to communicate those needs to the whole community.

Brad will handle executive oversight of St. Gregory's in the neighborhood, the region and the world. This will include working with Paul's Area Ministry Team, developing an understanding of needs in the neighborhood and in service outside the walls by our members.

The group then discussed the need for additional communication for external service opportunities. A ministry fair on a quarterly basis could be helpful. We need to help new members discern what they are called to do and then connect them to the work. We also need to recognize that if we can find no one who wants to do the work, perhaps it is time to let go of that work.

We need to identify ministry leaders and focus on doing the work. We will need to communicate through our channels about the opportunities and present the opportunities in a standard form or template. Rick said he already had much of the information on external ministries and AnneMarie mentioned that we need a "branded template" for those opportunities. We have several creative members who might be tapped to help with this. We need a good piece of printed material for the church.

We will be doing a theological reflection group meeting with each of our key internal ministries. There will be a discussion on what are we doing in our ministry and what is our theology of ministry as a small group. Jessica is scheduling a choir potluck to try it out.

**Clergy Report:** Planning continues for the changes in the Sunday schedule. Bishop Steven will be at St. Gregory's on September 26. He will have a between services meeting with the community and an after 10:30 lunch with the vestry. Work is underway to create a "Godly Play" Classroom downstairs and redesign the office to allow for the change. There will be a "Godly Play" teaching seminar the last weekend in July. Leesy suggested that we set up a new separate account for special gifts for education. We could then target individuals for specific education programs both for adults and children. Moved, Seconded and Passed unanimously.

**Communications:** AnneMarie commented on our Face Book page and said we would be changing it to a fan page and then make the fan page pretty static. We are also working on our own social network site for St. Gregory's

using NING. Paul said he hoped to be able to launch it within the next couple of weeks.

**Learning and Service:** Rick will try to attend the Godly Play workshop on Sunday. He also still felt there was more discussion on the organizational changes and would call Paul later.

**Membership:** Our newest member is Brian Protheroe, sponsored by Marina True.

Effective August 2, Sam Palmer and Lynn Park will serve as Co-  
Coordinators of  
the Greeters. Sam will recruit and train the greeters and be the general  
point-person while Lynn will organize the schedule. Sam will represent the  
program as a member of the Membership Committee.

**VESTRY CLOSED WITH A PRAYER AT 9:00.**